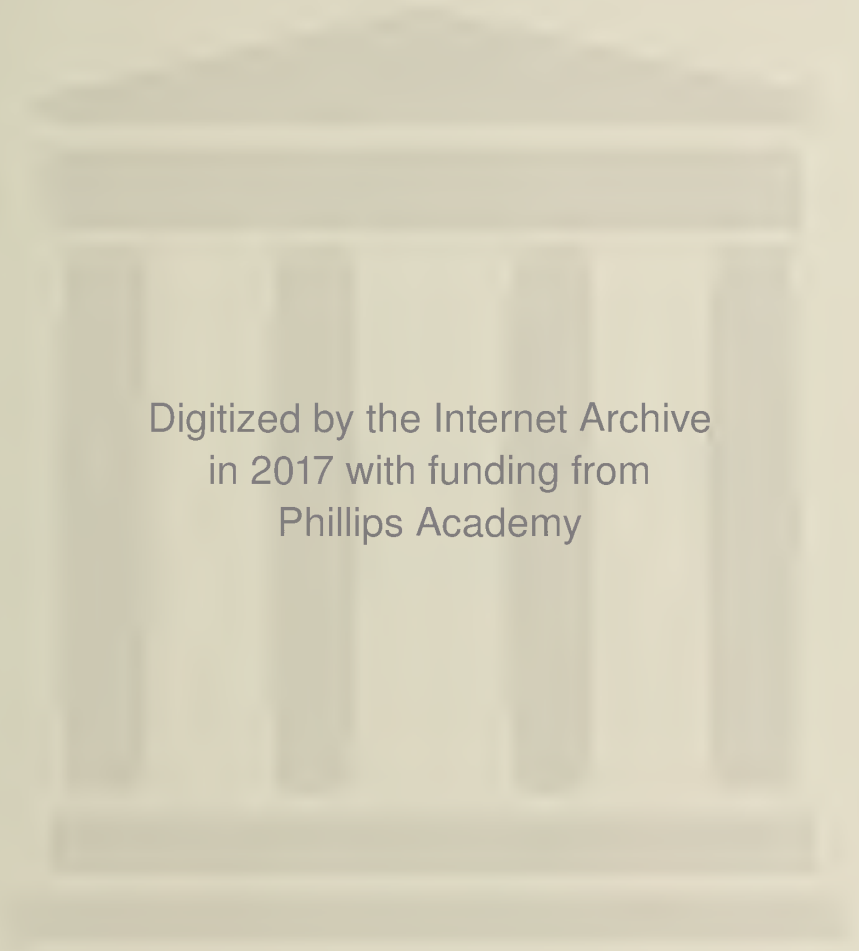

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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

Field Hockey (G V)	CUSHING (SCRIMMAGE)	(H)	3:00
Soccer (B V)	NOBLE & GREENOUGH	(H)	3:15
Soccer (G V)	Brooks (Scrimmage)	(A)	3:00
Volleyball (G V)	ST. PAUL'S (SCRIMMAGE)	(H)	3:00

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

Soccer (B V)	Middlesex (Scrimmage)	(A)	4:45

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

Field Hockey (G V)	THAYER (SCRIMMAGE)	(H)	12:00
Football (B V)	CUSHING (SCRIMMAGE)	(H)	12:30
Soccer (G V)	MILTDN (SCRIMMAGE)	(H)	1:30
Volleyball (G V)	GR. LAW. TECHNICAL HIGH	(H)	1:00
Volleyball (G JV)	GR. LAW. TECHNICAL HIGH	(H)	1:00
Water Polo (B V)	N.M.H./Loomis/Hopkins	(A)	1:30
Water Polo (G V)	CHOATE/LOOMIS 3:00	(H)	2:00

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

Cross Country (G V)	Brooks (Scrimmage)	(A)	3:30
Field Hockey (G V)	Milton	(A)	3:00
Field Hockey (G JV1)	Brookwood (Scrimmage)	(A)	3:30
Soccer (B V)	BROOKS	(H)	3:30
Soccer (B JV1)	MILTON	(H)	3:30
Soccer (G V)	St. Mark's (Scrimmage)	(A)	3:00
Soccer (G JV1)	BISHOP GUERTIN	(H)	3:00
Volleyball (G V)	ST. PAUL'S	(H)	2:45
Volleyball (G JV)	ST. PAUL'S	(H)	2:45
Water Polo (B V)	EXETER	(H)	3:00
Water Polo (B JV)	EXETER	(H)	4:00

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

Cross Country (BV/JV)	Manchester Invitational	(A)	TBA
Cross Country (G V)	Manchester Invitational	(A)	TBA
Field Hockey (G V)	Loomis-Chaffee	(A)	2:00
Field Hockey (G JV1)	Loomis-Chaffee	(A)	3:15
Football (B V)	Loomis-Chaffee	(A)	2:30
Soccer (B V)	Loomis-Chaffee	(A)	2:00
Soccer (B JV1)	Loomis-Chaffee	(A)	2:00
Soccer (B JV2)	Loomis-Chaffee	(A)	2:00
Soccer (G V)	Loomis-Chaffee	(A)	2:00
Soccer (G JV1)	Loomis-Chaffee	(A)	2:00
Soccer (G JV2)	Loomis-Chaffee	(A)	2:00
Volleyball (G V)	Loomis-Chaffee	(A)	2:00
Volleyball (G JV)	Loomis-Chaffee	(A)	3:15
Water Polo (B V)	Deerfield/Exeter/Hotch	(A)	2:00
Water Polo (G V)	Loomis-Chaffee	(A)	2:00

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

Field Hockey (G JV2)	METHUEN	(H)	3:30
Football (B JV1)	Cushing	(A)	3:30
Soccer (B V)	HOLDERNESS	(H)	3:00
Volleyball (G V)	CHELMSFORD (SCRIMMAGE)	(H)	3:00
Volleyball (G JV)	CHELMSFDRD (SCRIMMAGE)	(H)	3:00
Water Polo (B V)	ST. JOHN'S	(H)	3:30

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1

Field Hockey (G V)	Noble & Greenough	(A)	3:45
Field Hockey (G JV1)	Noble & Greenough	(A)	3:45
Soccer (B JV2)	BELMONT HILL	(H)	3:30
Soccer (G V)	Thayer	(A)	3:30
Soccer (G JV1)	Thayer	(A)	3:30

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3

Cross Country (BV/JV)	Thetford Woods Trail Run	(A)	TBA
Cross Country (G)	Thetford Woods Trail Run	(A)	TBA
Field Hockey (G V)	TABOR	(H)	2:30
Field Hockey (G JV1)	TABOR	(H)	3:45
Field Hockey (G JV2)	ANDOVER FRESHMEN	(H)	2:30
Football (B V)	HOTCHKISS	(H)	6:00
Soccer (B V)	TABOR	(H)	4:00
Soccer (B JV1)	TABDR	(H)	4:00
Soccer (G V)	TABOR	(H)	2:30
Soccer (G JV1)	TABOR	(H)	2:30
Volleyball (G V)	DRACUT	(H)	2:00
Volleyballl (G JV)	DRACUT	(H)	2:00
Waterpolo (GV)	N.M.H.	(H)	2:00

WEDNESDAY, DCTDBER 7

Field Hockey (GV)	Governor Dummer	(A)	3:00
Field Hockey (G JV1)	Governor Dummer	(A)	3:00
Football (B JV1)	HYDE SCHDDL	(H)	3:30
Soccer (B V)	St. John's	(A)	3:00
Soccer (B JV1)	St. John's	(A)	3:00
Soccer (B JV2)	ST. JOHN'S	(H)	3:30
Soccer (G V)	B.B.&N.	(A)	3:15
Soccer (G JV1)	B.B.&N.	(A)	3:15
Volleyball (G V)	ND. READING HIGH SCHOOL ..	(H)	3:30
Volleyball (G JV)	ND. READING HIGH SCHOOL ..	(H)	3:30

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9

Field Hockey (G JV2)	BRDDKWDDD SCHOOL	(H)	3:30
Soccer (B V)	BABSDN	(H)	6:30
Soccer (B JV2)	Groton	(A)	4:00

SATURDAY, DCTDBER 10

Cross Country(BV/JV)	Choate	(A)	3:30
Cross Country (G V)	Choate	(A)	4:00
Field Hockey (G V)	Choate	(A)	3:00
Field Hockey (G JV1)	Choate	(A)	4:15
Football (B V)	Choate	(A)	3:00
Soccer (B JV2)	Andover Fresh	(A)	2:30
Soccer (G V)	Choate	(A)	3:00
Soccer (G JV1)	Choate	(A)	3:00
Soccer(G JV2)	Choate	(A)	3:00
Volleyball (G V)	Choate	(A)	3:00
Volleyball (G JV)	Choate	(A)	3:00
Water Polo (B V)	Choate	(A)	3:00
Water Polo (G V)	Choate	(A)	4:15
Water Polo (JV)	Choate	(A)	5:30

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14

Field Hockey (G V)	ST. PAUL'S	(H)	2:45
Field Hockey (G JV1)	SHDRE COUNTRY DAY	(H)	3:00
Field Hockey (G JV2)	CHELMSFDRD	(H)	3:30
Football (B JV1)	Proctor (9th/10th)	(A)	3:30
Soccer (B V)	BRIDGTON ACADEMY	(H)	3:30
Soccer (B JV2)	WARING SCHOOL	(H)	3:45
Soccer (G V)	Holderness	(A)	3:30
Soccer (G JV2)	CONCDRD-CARLISLE HIGH	(H)	3:45
Soccer (G JV3)	Chelmsford Fresh	(A)	3:30
Volleyball (G V)	CUSHING	(H)	3:00
Volleyball (G JV)	CUSHING	(H)	3:00

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16

Field Hockey (G JV2)	METHUEN HIGH SCHDOL	(H)	3:45
Soccer (B JV3)	BRDDKS	(H)	4:15
Soccer (G V)	TUFTS	(H)	3:45

SATURDAY, DCTDBER 17

Cross Country (BV/JV)	B.B.&N./BH	(H)	2:45
Cross Country (G V)	B.B. &N./BH	(H)	2:45
Field Hockey (G V)	HARVARD	(H)	1:30
Football (B V)	KENT	(H)	6:00
Soccer (B V)	Choate	(A)	3:00
Soccer (B JV1)	Choate	(A)	3:00
Soccer (B JV2)	NO. READING HIGH SCHOOL ..	(H)	2:00
Soccer (G JV1)	NO. READING HIGH SCHODL ..	(H)	2:00
Volleyball (G V)	DUR LADY OF NAZ. WAKEFIELD ..	(H)	2:00
Volleyball (G JV)	DUR LADY OF NAZ. WAKEFIELD ..	(H)	2:00
Water Polo (B V)	WILLISTON NDRTHHAMPTON	(H)	4:15
Water Polo (G V)	WILLISTDN NORTHHAMPTDN	(H)	3:00

WEDNESDAY, DCTDBER 21

Soccer (B V)	Harvard	(A)	3:15
Soccer (B JV1)	MASCONDMET	(H)	3:15
Soccer (B JV2)	ANDDVER FRESH/JV	(H)	3:30
Soccer (G V)	HARVARD	(H)	3:15
Soccer (G JV1)	MASCONOMET	(H)	3:15
Soccer (G JV2)	ANDOVER FRESHMAN	(H)	3:30
Volleyball (G V)	Exeter	(A)	3:00
Volleyball (G JV)	Exeter	(A)	3:00
Water Polo (B V)	ST. JOHN'S	(H)	3:30

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24

Cross Country (BV/JV)	N.M.H.	(A)	12:00
Cross Country (G V)	N.M.H.	(A)	12:30
Cross Country (G JV)	N.M.H.	(A)	12:30
Field Hockey (G V)	N.M.H (MH)	(A)	12:00
Field Hockey (G JV1)	N.M.H.	(A)	12:00
Field Hockey (G JV2)	N.M.H.	(A)	12:00
Football (B V)	N.M.H. (MH)	(A)	12:00
Football (B JV1)	N.M.H.	(A)	11:30
Soccer (B V)	N.M.H. (MH)	(A)	12:00
Soccer (B JV1)	N.M.H. (MH)	(A)	12:00
Soccer (B JV2)	N.M.H.	(A)	12:00
Soccer (B JV3)	N.M.H.	(A)	12:00
Soccer (G V)	N.M.H. (MH)	(A)	12:00
Soccer (G JV1)	N.M.H. (N)	(A)	12:00
Soccer (G JV2)	N.M.H. (N)	(A)	12:00
Volleyball (G V)	N.M.H. (MH)	(A)	12:00
Volleyball (G JV)	N.M.H. (MH)	(A)	12:00
Water Polo (B V)	N.M.H. (MH)	(A)	11:30
Water Polo (G V)	N.M.H. (MH)	(A)	12:45

WEDNESDAY, OCTDBER 28

Field Hockey (G V)	B.B.&N.	(A)	2:45
Field Hockey (G JV1)	B.B.&N.	(A)	2:45
Field Hockey (G JV2)	Chelmsford	(A)	3:15
Soccer (B V)	TUFTS	(H)	3:00
Soccer (G V)	St. Paul's	(A)	3:00
Soccer (G JV1)	St. Paul's	(A)	3:00
Soccer (G JV2)	Brooks	(A)	3:00
Volleyball (G V)	Cushing	(A)	3:15
Volleyball (G JV)	Winchendon School	(A)	3:15

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30

Field Hockey (G V)	DEERFIELD	(H)	6:30

SATURDAY, OCTDBER 31

Cross Country (BV/JV)	DEERFIELD	(H)	1:30
Cross Country (G V)	DEERFIELD	(H)	2:30
Cross Country (G JV)	DEERFIELD	(H)	3:00
Field Hockey (G JV1)	DEERFIELD	(H)	1:30
Field Hockey (G JV2)	DEERFIELD	(H)	2:45
Football (B V)	DEERFIELD	(H)	2:00
Football (B JV1)	DEERFIELD	(H)	1:30
Soccer (B V)	DEERFIELD	(H)	1:30
Soccer (B JV1)	DEERFIELD	(H)	1:30
Soccer (B JV2)	DEERFIELD	(H)	1:30
Soccer (B JV3)	DEERFIELD	(H)	1:30
Soccer (G V)	DEERFIELD	(H)	3:30
Soccer (G JV1)	DEERFIELD	(H)	1:30
Soccer (G JV2)	DEERFIELD	(H)	3:00
Soccer (G JV3)	CHELMSFORD FRESH	(H)	3:00
Volleyball (G V)	DEERFIELD	(H)	2:00
Volleyball (G JV)	DEERFIELD	(H)	2:00
Water Polo (B V)	DEERFIELD	(H)	2:45
Water Polo (G V)	DEERFIELD	(H)	1:30
Water Polo (JV)	DEERFIELD	(H)	4:00

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4

Field Hockey (G V)	Middlesex	(A)	2:30
Field Hockey (G JV1)	Middlesex	(A)	3:45
Field Hockey (G JV2)	Brooks	(A)	2:30
Soccer (B V)	Moses Brown	(A)	2:30
Soccer (B JV1)	ND. READING HIGH SCHDDL ..	(H)	3:00
Soccer (G V)	Noble & Greenough	(A)	3:15
Soccer (G JV1)	Noble & Greenough	(A)	3:15
Soccer (G JV2)	Pike School	(A)	3:00
Soccer (G JV3)	GROTON	(H)	3:00
Volleyball (G V)	St. Paul's	(A)	3:00
Volleyball (G JV)	St. Paul's	(A)	3:00
Water Polo (B V)	Exeter	(A)	5:00
Water Polo (JV)	Exeter	(A)	4:00

FRIDAY, NDVEMBER 6

Soccer (B V)	CUSHING	(H)	4:00

SATURDAY, NDVEMBER 7

Cross Country (BV/JV)	Exeter	(A)	2:30
Cross Country (G V)	Exeter	(A)	2:45
Cross Country (G JV)	Exeter	(A)	2:45
Field Hockey (G V)	Pingree	(A)	2:15
Field Hockey (G JV1)	Pingree	(A)	2:15
Football (B V)	New Hampton	(A)	2:00
Soccer (G V)	K.U.A.	(H)	2:30
Volleyball (G V)	N.M.H.	(H)	3:30
Volleyball (G JV)	N.M.H.	(H)	3:30
Water Polo (G V)	Loomis Tournament	(A)	2:00
Water Polo (JV)	Tournament	(A)	TBA

WEDNESDAY, NDVEMBER 11

Field Hockey (G V)	Winsor	(H)	3:15
Field Hockey (G JV1)	Exeter	(A)	2:45
Field Hockey (G JV2)	GROTDN	(H)	3:00
Football (B JV1)	Exeter	(A)	2:45
Soccer (B V)	New Hampton	(A)	2:30

Soccer (B JV1)	Exeter	(A)	2:45
Soccer (G V)	WINSOR	(H)	4:15
Soccer (G JV1)	Exeter	(A)	2:45
Volleyball (G V)	WORCESTER	(H)	3:00
Volleyball (G JV)	Exeter	(A)	2:45
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14			
Cross Country (BV/JV)	Interschol -Avon Old Farm	(A)	TBA
Cross Country (G V)	Interschol-Avon Old Farm	(A)	TBA
Field Hockey (G V)	EXETER	(H)	11:30
Football (B V)	EXETER	(H)	1:30
Soccer (B V)	EXETER	(H)	10:30
Soccer (G V)	EXETER	(H)	12:30
Volleyball (G V)	EXETER	(H)	12:00
Water Polo (B V)	Interscholastics-Exeter	(A)	0:00
Water Polo (G V)	Choate Tournament	(A)	9:00
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15			
Volleyball (G V)	Tournament A	(A)	TBA

FALL 1998
CAPTAINS AND COACHES

BOYS' CROSS COUNTRY
Colin Dinneen, Captain
Jon Stableford, Coach

GIRLS' CROSS COUNTRY
Jasmine Mitchell & Beibhinn O'Donoghue, Captains
Nancy Lang, Coach

FIELD HOCKEY
Rachael Burnes, Morgan Madera, Alice Sawyer, Captains
Kate Dolan, Coach

FOOTBALL
Joseph Chisholm & James Smithwick, Captains
Leon Modeste, Coach

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Halsey Coughlin & Michael Pierog, Captains
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GIRLS' SOCCER
Emily Tompkins, Captain
Lisa Pimentel, Coach

VOLLEYBALL
Andrea Campbell & Yuko Chitani, Captains
Clyfe Beckwith, Coach

BOYS' WATER POLO
Edward Dunn, Captain
Paul Murphy, Coach

GIRLS' WATER POLO
Jessica Schoen, Captain
Elizabeth Meyer, Coach

SPORT: Cross Country - Boys

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DWYER, ANGUS W.
FUHRMAN, WESTON P.
HAMILTON, W. BARRETT
HEDGES, CHRISTOPHER J.
HSU, ANDREW R.
JUTRAS, THEODORE C.
LAZARUS, ELI D.
PHILLIPS, BENJAMIN T.
RODRIGUEZ, ARGILIO
SCHOENE, ADAM J.
WASHBURN, HUNTER D.

BOYS' CROSS COUNTRY

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Sat., Sep. 26	(A)	Manchester Invitational	No team scores	
Sat., Oct. 3	(A)	Thetford Woods Trail Run	4th place	
Sat., oct. 10	(A)	Choate	26	27
Sat., Oct. 17	(A)(H)	B.B.&N./ Belmont Hill	Not Reported	
Sat., Oct. 24	(A)	N.M.H.	20	39
Sat., Oct. 31	(H)	Deerfield	30	27
Sat., Nov. 7	(A)	Exeter	17	46
Sat., Nov. 14	(A)	Interschols- Avon Old Farm	2nd place	

Manchester Invitational: A Wake-Up Call for Boys' Cross Country

by Colin Dinneen & Dave Rice
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITERS

With the loss of senior standouts John Freidman and Nnamdi Okike, the 1998 Boys Cross Country team has much to prove. Although many believe that this will be a down year, the team refuses to forfeit the season to the rebuilding process.

Last year's team finished third at interschols, against some of the finest competition in New England history, but this year's team will not be satisfied with last year's results. In the words of captain Colin Dinneen '99, "Anything less than a championship will be unacceptable." Dinneen's challenge has proven to be inspirational to the team. "His leadership has been unequaled. He really motivates us in practice to shave off those few extra seconds that are the difference for winning the meet," says lower sensation Ben Phillips of his captain. "With the group of guys we have this year, we know a championship is within our reach. If we focus in practice and train hard, I think we will bring home the title." Besides leadership from Dinneen, Phillips and Hunter Washburn '00, the team also boasts depth from returning seniors Andy Hsu, Kris Hedges, Barret Hamilton, and Angus Dwyer. Upper Argillio Rodriguez, who has posted great times in practice, should bolster the team's already impressive lineup.

New to the team this year are Eli Lazarus '00, Ted Jutras '00 and Weston Fuhrman '01. All have impressed the team with their strength and heart. This trio could be a deciding factor in whether this team can survive without the strength it had last year. "As a new member of the team, I'm pleased to be adding extra depth to an already deep team," says Lazarus. Incidently, both Jutras and Fuhrman are suffering from minor early season injuries, but are expected to compete on Saturday. Coach John Stableford wants to have the best possible team stepping to the line each week, and this depends on Jutras and Fuhrman's health.

This team, unlike its predecessors, is lacking post-graduates. But this void is delibrate: part of coach Stableford's emphasis on recruiting younger talent. Developing young talent, by bringing them up through the Andover Cross Country Program, is what coach Stableford has envisioned for the future.

The team's first race was at the Manchester Invitational this past Saturday, and despite good performances by Phillips, Washburn and others, the results were somewhat disappointing. Phillips led the team with a 33rd place finish and a time of 17:22. Overall, the team finished in tenth place, but realizes that it must improve its performance dramatically in the next few weeks to reach its potential.

Although its goal of winning the New England Championship may seem lofty to some, this team is not willing to merely fulfill the low expectations that others hold for it. Through its leadership and depth, the boys cross country team is sure to turn heads this fall in New England.

9/26/98

Boys' Cross Country Fares Well at Thetford Invitational, Takes Fourth

by Colin Dinneen & Dave Rice
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Boys X-C

The boys' cross country team raced in its second meet at the Thetford Invitational this past Saturday. The team finished in fourth place for its second best finish at Thetford to date.

Hunter Washburn '00 led the team with a time of 17:14 and a 31st place overall. Ben Phillips '01 finished right on Washburn's heels with a 17:15 and a 33rd place finish. Captain Colin Dinneen '99 posted a time of 17:34 followed by Andy Hsu '99 and Eli Lazarus '00. Weston Fuhrman '01 and Kris Hedges '99 also turned out fine times, rounding out the team's finishes in the first race.

Coming off of early season injuries, Weston and Ted Jutras '01 also ran impressively. Both look to improving in the upcoming weeks and helping the team reach its goal of a New England championship.

The Thetford Invitational was one of the larger meets Andover will see this year. Because of its unusual size, the Invitational assumes a unique format where competitors are split into five groups, each of which runs a different race. Runners are grouped according to their times posted at time trials and submitted by coaches.

Despite fine conditions, crowding caused a hectic start for the race. Although congestion caused by several falling racers prevented many Andover runners from getting quick starts, the boys' times were nevertheless impressive.

Without a doubt, the star of the third race was Adam Schoen '00, who dominated the competition. Schoen's performance was an apt demonstration of the strength and depth of this year's team and that of its upcoming talent.

"This race was a real breakthrough for us. Our previous finish at Manchester had us questioning our ability. But this reaffirms our belief that we can be the best team in New England," said Phillips.

After their noteworthy performance on Saturday, the boys look forward to racing tomorrow against defending New England champion Choate-Rosemary Hall. After competing at interschols at Choate last year, the boys' cross country team feels capable of gauging itself against last year's outstanding Choate runners. Coach Jonathan Stableford for one believes that the boys' performance at Thetford was both impressive and a sign of things to come.

10/3/98

Boys' Cross Country Squeezes by Last Year's Champs, Choate

by Colin Dinneen & Dave Rice
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Andover	**26**
Choate	**27**

Boys X-C

This was the score this past weekend when the boys' cross country squeaked past last year's interscholastic champions, Choate-Rosemary Hall. Although most of the runners that were responsible for clinching the title graduated, Choate remains a deep team that is a force to be reckoned with in Prep cross country.

To say that Choate will threaten to repeat as champions this year would be an understatement. It is for this reason that Saturday's performance was so noteworthy. It is a sign that this boy's cross country team is taking a step in the right direction and will be in contention at Insterschols this year.

Sophmore sensation Ben Phillips lead the way for the blue with a time of 16:09 and a third place finish. Hunter Washburn '00, usually among the top runners, developed severe cramps early in the race and could not help the team as much as he would have liked.

Upon noticing Washburn's abscence from the front, Weston Fuhrman '01 and Colin Dinneen '99 stepped up together to fill the void. Both finished within six seconds of each other. Washburn would later finish strongly despite cramps and was followed by Eli Lazarus '00 and Andy Hsu '99. All three helped the team pull out the win.

Choate's 2.95 mile course is shorter than the customary 3.1 mile league standard and is the cause for the seemingly faster times. However, the course's terrible conditions prevented runners from posting even more impressive times. "The puddles on the trails were so bad, that I spent half the race swimming," complained Andy Hsu.

"The next time Choate wants to host a biathalon they can get another team to travel two and a half hours," said an angry Lazarus. Although Lazarus' statement may be slightly overdramatic, the team as a whole is hoping for better conditions in the upcoming weeks.

To have a chance against the strong teams of St. Paul's, Belmont Hill, and most importantly BB&N, this weekend the team will need to be completely healthy. This means that Kris Hedges '99 will need to rebound from recent hip trouble. BB&N's tremendous trio up front will pose a challenge to the Andover front runners.

Although BB&N is not in Andover's league this will be another benchmark for the boys cross country team and it will be a good test of whether they can match up with the best New England running has to offer.

10/10/98

Boys Cross Country Dominates St. Paul's, Belmont Hill, BB&N

by Colin Dinneen & Dave Rice
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITERS

The boys' cross country team continued its dominance over the New England Prep School Athletic Conference by beating St. Paul's, BB&N and Belmont Hill this past weekend in its first home race. This was the second consecutive victory for the team who takes on perennial contender Northfield Mount Herman this Saturday.

Leading the way for the blue once again was Ben Phillips '01 who placed third behind a dynamic duo of BB&N runners and finished with a time of 16:49 on the five kilometer home course. An introspective Phillips said after the race, "I performed very well, everything seemed to work out for me. I'd just like to thank Blaine for my performance and my uniform. Without Graham House and Paulino I don't know where I'd be today. I hope I can contain to be an asset to this team and that they will continue to put brownies in our team dinners. I'm a pony, a pony express. I will run like the pony thatI know that I can be."

So far this season Phillips performance has been absolutely astounding. He has lead the team in all the meets and continually seems to be improving. Eli Lazarus '00 attributes Phillips' success to his strenuous workouts during practice. "His effort in practice has been nothing short of phenomenal. Day in and day out, he appears to be challenging each one of us to try and run with him. But so far, none of us has been able to keep up."

Besides Phillips, Weston Fuhrman '01 helped the team tremendously in its victory on Saturday. Fuhrman finished strongly with a time of 16:56 and has continued to impress the team and the coach with his gutsy performances. Fuhrman's incredible running during the first kilometer of the race is the reason for his impressive time. "I got off to a great start and it carried me to the finish line." Fuhrman finished in fourth place.

Behind Furhman, Hunter Washburn '00 also contributed to the team's victory with a sixth place finish. Washburn feels that he owes his finish, at least in some part, to the strong performances of Fuhrman and Phillips. "Whenever I looked ahead and saw the two of them up there, I felt like they were challenging me to run harder." Washburn's thoughtful statement, however, is not entirely accurate. He has demonstrated that his performance is independent of his teammates' performance. His strong finishes at Manchester and especially Thetford have proven that he needs no outside inspiration to perform well.

Team captain Colin Dinneen's '99 performance was hampered by a severe leg injury that he had suffered early in the week. Cleared to run five minutes before the race, Dinneen impressed his team, who thought they would be without their team leader. "I was shocked when I saw him limp up to the starting line. Leadership like that matters so much to our team. Let's face it, without Dinneen's leadership we would be one half the team we are," said Lazarus of his scathed captain. The Blue is looking to continue its winning way against NMH, who though somewhat strong, is weaker than it has been in recent history. Coach Stableford does not feel it necessary to ease up the training this week. He believes that even a weary Andover team will be able to overpower NMH.

10/17/98

Boys' Cross Country Runs Past NMH

by Colin Dinneen & Dave Rice
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITERS

Andover	20
NMH	39

Boys X-C

The boys' cross-country team handed Northfield-Mount Hermon one of its most discouraging defeats in recent years. To put it bluntly, the boys' team demolished the far inferior team from NMH. Behind strong running from Hunter Washburn '00 and Weston Fuhrman '01, the Blue had no trouble finishing victoriusly despite missing key runners Colin Dinneen '99 and Ben Phillips '01. Both Dinneen and Phillips were sidelined with minor injuries. Dinneen suffered from a pulled hamstring while Phillips was ailing from knee problems. The team's performance without its stars was truly remarkable and speaks well of the team's depth. The team's performance without its stars was .truly remarkable and speaks well of the team's depth. The boys look forward to Deerfield at home tomorrow, a race that looks to be the closest of the year.

NMH actually had the top runner; however, its next runner finished seventh. The gap between NMH's first and second runner is the reason for its overwhelming defeat. Places second through sixth were all held by Andover runners. Washburn finished with a second place finish and a time of 14:30. Furhman was shortly behind with a time of 14:35. Andy Hsu '99 and Argillio Rodriguez '00 filled out the rest of the top five for the race. The strong presence of Andover runners solidified the victory for the team and displayed the team's overwhelming depth. "This victory more than any other one this year is especially meaningful. Despite the fact that NMH is not exactly the best team in New Enlgand, we still dominated them without our two best runners," said Furhman proudly of his team.

An anxious team took the line, but once the race got under way it was clear that the NMH wasn't exactly "competing" with Andover. It was a dual meet only in the sense that there were two teams, but Andover was practically half way home in the bus before the NMH runners were finishing. Eli Lazarus '00 put it well when he said, "I wish that I could've helped NMH somehow, like run a part of the race for them or something, but it just wasn't possible." These sentiments were shared by many of the big blue runners. While Kris Hedges and Hunter Washburn offered the crestfallen NMH team some words of enouragement, the boys JV team continued with the day's theme of domination.

Up next weekend for Andover is Deerfield, a team that looks to challenge the Blue unlike any team has this season. Deerfield has a strong record this year and boasts many potential division one racers. An optimistic Phillips predicted the results of next week's race against Deerfield: "We are going to smoke the competition."

10/24/98

Boys' Cross Country Falls Just Short of Deerfield

by Colin Dinneen & Dave Rice
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITERS

Deerfield	27
Andover	30

Boys X-C

The boys' cross-country team suffered the first loss of its season at the hands of Deerfield Academy, this past weekend on its home course. Despite strong performances by key members Weston Fuhrman '00, Hunter Washburn '00 and Andy Hsu '99, the Blue failed to place any of its runners in the top three spots and was consequently unable to pull out a victory. The team looks to rebound against Exeter this weekend and reestablish its winning ways as the team approaches Interschols.

The top three spots were held by Deerfield runners, Benson, Gilbane, and Kramer. The trio posted times of 16:27, 16:37, and 16:38 respectively. Due to the scoring system, the Deerfield team needed only the top three finishes to defeat the Andover team; this is exactly what Deerfield managed to do.

Fuhrman battled with Deerfield's top three for most of the race, but near the end he just could not keep up. Despite finishing in fourth place, this was clearly Fuhrman's best performance of the year impressing his coaches and teammates alike. "If any good is going to come out of this race it is definitely Weston's performance," said Eli Lazarus '00. Fuhrman finished with the team's best time of the year at 16:41.

Aside from Fuhrman, Washburn also fared well. He finished ten seconds behind Furhman with a time of 16:51 and a fifth place finish.

Absent from the race was lower sensation Ben Phillips. He is currently suffering from a knee injury that looks to keep him from running until Exeter. "Hoperfully this injury is just temporary and I'll be back against Exeter. I've got Fowler's back."

Captain Dinneen returned from a hamstring injury against Deerfield and was unable to perform as well as he had hoped. He did not fair so badly; however, he finished in tenth place finish and a time of 17:33.

Up next for the Blue is an away race at Exeter tomorrow. The Exeter, scouts have said, are not supposed to be a challenge. Andover looks to make short work of its arch-rivals and try to rebound from the one blemish on the teamÕs record. In the words of Hunter Washburn, "Our strategy on Saturday will be to run in packs and try to push one another. We will also be changing up the lead to give everyone a chance to set the pace. We won't be running as hard as normal because we should easily beat Exeter without much effort. It will give us a gentle tune up before Interschols."

Washburn and the rest of the team, while focused on racing Exeter, can not help but look forward to getting revenge against Deerfield at Interschols.

10/31/98

Boys' Cross-Country Paces Weak Exies

by Colin Dinneen & Dave Rice
PHILLIPLAN SPORTS WRITERS

Andover	**17**
Exeter	**38**

Boys X-C

The boys' cross country set a good example for the Andover sports community this past weekend, when it destroyed arch rival Exeter in its final regular season race. Led by strong performances by Hunter Washburn '00 and Weston Fuhrman '00, who finished one and two in the three mile course at Exeter. The duo finished with times of 15:43 and 15:52 respectively. And with Colin Dinnnen '99 following right behind the front two with a time of 16:09, Andover clinched the victory. Up next for the boys' team is Interschols, an event the team is optimistic about winning. The goals of the team are best surmised by the words of outspoken team captain Dinneen, "Ever since the beginning of training this fall, we have had our eyes on winning Interschols. We have had a great season with a lot of impressive personal performances, but next week at Interschols we really need to pull together as a team if we want to accomplish our season long goal."

The highlight of the race last weekend was most definitely the performances by Washburn and Fuhrman. Both have contributed heavily to the team this season, and as underclassman, will return next year to bolster the future of the cross country team. Washburn's finish has been his best to date, a promising sign to the team for Interschols. "He seems to be really hitting his stride," said upper Eli Lazarus of Washburn. "We hope he will be able to continue his strong performances during Interschols." Fuhrman's performance was also noteworthy, it was his best finish this season.

Aside from these two strong performances, Andover still slaughtered Exeter. After conceding fourth place to an Exeter runner, Andover placed the next four runners. Numerous Andover J.V runners finished ahead of Exeter Varsity racers. For Exeter, the loss was really an embarassment. Andy Hsu '99, Lazarus, and Argilio Rodriguez '00 finished in fifth, sixth and seventh, and were followed by Ted Jutras '00. So Andover finished seven of the top eight runners. In a word- domination.

Conspicuously absent from last week's race was lower super-sensation Ben Phillips. He is still recouperating from an anterior-cruciant ligament injury. He has returned to running in practice, but is still questionable for Interschols. "Not having him would be a big loss. He has easily been our strongest runner this year. However, without him I think we will still be able to compete. We just need to come together as a team to pull of the victory," Lazarus said of the team's chances without Phillips.

However, Phillips had some words of encouragement for his team. "I've been feeling much better of recent and am determined to run on Saturday if I'll be healthy enough to benefit the team. This team has shown incredible depth in my absence and I have no doubt that they will be contenders regardless."

The team also continues to believe in its ability to win Interschols and whether Phillips runs or not the team is going to give it its best.

11/7/98

Boys' X-Country Takes Second in Interscholastic Competition

by Bill McGonigle
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Boys X-C

It was a Saturday. Much like any other Saturday here at prestigious Phillips Academy, Andover, our fine young athletes were competing in various events of physical aptitude. This is the story of one of those sports, the oldest of all sports: running. Having origins of this sport lie centuries back during the time when Greeks ruled the Earth and people exercised naked. The air was crisp and clear. It was sunny.

Boys' cross country had looked forward all season to this date, the dreaded interscholastic meet at Avon Old Farms. As six of the seven runners boarded the bus for the tiresome ride, dreams of snatching Choate's precious pride danced through their head. The way they had run this year, the held the possibility of dethroning President Kennedy's alma mater from the position of interscholastic champs. They were giddy with excitement.

As the team arrived, their presence was known. Snappy team warm-ups caught the eyes of the ladies and the fear of the opponents. O, that day was to be a day of great glory. Once Phillips galloped in, the varsity squad, led by captain Colin Dineen and followed by new upper-running-primadonna Eli Lazarus '00, began to stretch for the fateful day.

In the end, the team could only hope to achieve second place, which for those who don't know second place is the first loser. Choate once again snatched victory in the league, and our boys could only look forward to next year. On the bright side, Hunter Washburn '00 hit his stride and finished in fifth place, and Weston Furman '01 took eighth. When the team was surveyed for their opinions on the day's performance they had the following to say: Washburn: "I ran my heart out and gave one of my better performances ever. The only way I think I can top it is with an appearance at the Sadie tonight." Phillips: "I consulted the bones last night. Dem sez some bad things, man. But we done try hard. Pony. Next year, the bones say sumpin' else." Kris Hedges '99 muttered something that no one understood.

The season now over, Captain Dineen looks forward to handing over the reins of the team to Phillips and the rest of the team. Though pleased with the performance this season, Dineen's endless search for improvement still hampered him from saying it was the greatest ever for his team. As for next year, the young cross country boys can only begin training to win an interscholastic victory, for then and only then will they become cross country men.

11/14/98

Washburn, Furhman Lead Boys To 2nd Place Finish in NEPSTA

by Austin Arensberg
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Boys X-C

The Cross-Country season began much earlier than the few days before school started. The training began in late June. On the small hills of Nantucket, the steep inclines of Maine and in the heat of Bermuda. It was at that time in the middle of the summer when the runners began preparing to take back the very championship that was taken from them by a strong Choate team the year before. Second place in the New England Invitational did not suffice the teams desire to once again defend its Championship. So with increased expectations and many miles to be logged, the boys of summer hit the streets, sidewalks, and trails, slowly reaching their physical peak for the last few weeks of November.

The only thing holding the team back was the absence of star runner John Friedman '98 who strongly led the team placing first in the '97 Championships. However his absence made the team pull together, and going into the summer everyone was fully aware of his personal niche to fill. The team knew it would need to mold into a pack that could race strongly together with the other teams in the division. To do this they formed one of the strongest and closet units in recent years. The team looked to new and old alike and when those first few days came in late September everyone including team captain Collin Dineen '99 was looking very positively to the season ahead.

"With the loss of Friedman, Okike '98, and Berman '98 we all looked forward to filling in those crucial gaps. Without a team effort we would have had very little chance of doing as well as we did."

Indeed it was the emphasis on group running and pack developing which lead the team to place well in the early invitationals. Undoubtedly, the addition of new runners, Eli Lazarus '00, Weston Fuhrman '01, and Ted Jutras '01 gave the team the much needed depth it had been looking for in recent years. Both Fuhrman and Lazarus were new to true team competition as they were the number one runners at their previous schools. However, in one year, Andover had become a different team, one that for the first time in many years did not have a front runner. In what seemed like a building year, Coach Stableford in early fall called for less distance and harder speed work throughout the season. The team's age also, was of great importance this year as it would compete against many more experienced teams later in the season. However the runners ages did not hamper their ability to work hard during rough training runs which included many hills in the last weeks of September to prepare for the first meet of the season at Manchester, New Hampshire. The invitational was key in bringing the team together for the first big race of the year. In fact there were nearly four hundred runners that registered from thirty to forty schools. Although Stableford continually restated that the race had little importance on the rest of the season, many on the squad came out strong against a very tough field led by none other than Andy Powell [one of the best high school long distance runners in the country]. The chance to run with great runners from all around New England was a great opportunity for the team to see the competition and to race with the public schools against which Andover otherwise would not compete. It was at the second invitational still early in October when the team faced the most hills of the season. The Thetford race showcased the talents of both lower Ben Phillips '01 and next year's captain Hunter Washburn '00 as they placed in the top 35, running well on the hilly course. It wasn't until a few weeks later when the talent and tenacity of Fuhrman '01 became visible. His willingness to recover from a late summer injury was the main factor behind his great comeback for the Choate race which the team narrowly won by one point. Andy Hsu's '99 consistent running placed him in eighth as he narrowly passed a Choate runner in what could have easily been the deciding place over Choate. With the close win against Choate early in the season, the momentum didn't stop for the team until it raced against a tough Deerfield squad at home on Parents Weekend.

Although the team had just regained Dineen from a pulled hamstring injury it was unfortunately not enough to pull off a win. As coach Jon Stableford said on the meet,

"It was a case of us not being full strength and Deerfield having a great race."

That tough loss was not forgotten as the men began training hard for the mid-season before tapering. Deerfield was their only loss of the season, and one that was bitter in particular because both Washburn and Fuhrman beat the two winners of the meet later in the New England Invitationals.

So with its only loss the team progressed through the season winning races and gaining confidence. Finally with the elite group of varsity racers within thirty seconds of each other in race times, the team went on to place second in the NEPSTA Division I Championships [New England Championships]. The race was unfortunately the race was held on one of the only courses that Coach Stableford had not been able to see or run. Going into the race blindly and not knowing the competition well enough the team was somewhat uncertain as for what to expect. In the end Andover was shut down by a strong and confident Choate squad which did it best to prove their ability in defending the Championship for the first time in recent history.

With the disappointing loss at the end of such a great season the team looked back at what it had accomplished, the goals it had achieved, and the races it had won. In the past ten years no school has been as dominant as Andover in Cross-Country. Placing in either first or second in half of those ten years at NEPSTA. It will be only a short while until it once again regains the title. With a strong group of front runners and a preparedness that far succeeds that of any other team Andover is sure to prove to many teams that it is still a threat.

Tri-Captain-Elect Scott Darci '01, pictured above eluding two Tabor defenders, will be the Blue's top returning scorer next season after finishing second in 1998 with five goals.

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GIRLS' CROSS COUNTRY

			PA	OPP	
Wed., Sep. 23	(A)	Brooks scrimmage	20	37	
Sat., Sep. 26	(A)	Manchester Invitational	No team scores		
Sat., Oct. 3	(A)	Thetford Woods Trail Run	11th place		
Sat., Oct. 10	(A)	Choate	19	42	
Sat., Oct. 17	(H)	B.B.&N./ B.H./ SPS	19	43	BBN
			25	31	SPS
Sat., Oct. 24	(A)	NMH	31	26	
Sat., Oct. 31	(H)	Deerfield	20	40	
Sat., Nov. 7	(A)	Exeter	27	29	
Sat., Nov. 14	(A)	Interschols- Avon Old Farm	2nd place		

Girls' X-Country Runs all over Brooks in Scrimmage, Expects a Strong Season

by Lily Greenfield-Sanders
and Liza Trafton
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITERS

Girls X-C

The girls' cross country team looks toward a promising season which began with an impressive start against Brooks on Wednesday.

Though the match was only a scrimmage, coach Nancy Lang commented that the race was an important indication of what lies ahead. She views the next three races as great opportunities for personal improvement and for practice before the team's first big meet against Choate on October 10.

Despite the graduation of six Varsity runners, the team looks strong with new runners. Captains Jasmine Mitchell '98 and Beibhinn O'Donoghue '98 commented on the team's impressive performance at Brooks and on their incredible depth in the program this year.

Wednesday's scrimmage featured great performances from the top seven runners who are, respectively, Melissa Donais '02, Hillary Jay '02, Jasmine Mitchell '99, Beibhinn O'Donoghue '99, Anne Abbott '00, Kaitlin McCann '00, and Kate Larsen '00.

The accomplishments of the remaining runners on Wednesday impressed Coach Lang, and she is excited for their running times to improve with experience.

The team is bound to go far with thirty runners this season and a new assistant coach, physics teaching fellow Katie Fobert. Ms. Fobert recently graduated from Holy Cross where she ran for the varsity cross country team. She is impressed by the strong senior leadership and by the comaraderie of the team and she projects a great season to come.

This Saturday, the cross country team will enter six runners in the Manchester Invitational. The representatives for Andover will be split into two sections, the first comprised of three veteran runners Mitchell, O'Donoghue, and Abbott.The second group is made of Donais, Jay, and McCann .

Coach Lang believes that the team's strong performance thus far indicates great potential, though it is clear they have a significant amount of work ahead of them. Last year's team placed third at the New England Interscholastic Competition, following Exeter and St. Paul's. The team knows that the competition is strong again this year, but with the combination of hard work, and natural talent, this could prove to be a great season.

9/23/98

Girls' Cross-Country Give Strong Performance at Thetford Invitational

by Lily Greenfield-Sanders
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Girls X-C

Blue is starting off strong this season with impressive performances at races in Manchester on the 26th, and Thetford Academy on the 3rd.

The race against Manchester brought forth three top one hundred finishes from Captains Jasmine Mitchell '99, Beibhinn O'Donoghue '99, and teammate Anne Abbott '00 in a race of 225 competitors. This was an exciting finish for blue because of the caliber of the competition at the race that day. The number one high school girls cross country runner, from Mount Mansfield, VT, was amongst the competition and set two records on the course that afternoon.

Even more impressive weir the great performances of the freshman racers Mellissa Donais '02, Hillary Jay '02, and Kaitlin McCann '02 who placed 1st, 3rd and 17th respectively out of 123 runners. This was their first opportunity to shine in a real race and they proved to their team that they could meet the competition at such a tough race.

The Thetford Academy race also brought impressive times from the top seven runners. Donais placed first for the team with a 5K time of 20:22, and was followed by O'Donoghue with a 21:33. Hillary Jay showed her competitive spirit once again with a formidable time of 21:40, and was followed by a personal best from Kate Larsen '00 with a time of 22:03. In the back were Mitchell and Abbot who tied with a time of 22:31, and freshman Kaitlin McCann with an equally impressive time of 22:43.

The coaches and team members are excited by these performances and look for a strong race against Choate this Saturday. Coach Lang stands "very encouraged and cautiously optimistic" when looking at the season ahead, and would like to focus now on preventing injury which usually tends to sprout up at around this time in the season.

9/26/98

Girls' Cross-Country Posts Commanding Win Despite Inclimate Weather and Taxing Injuries

by Jasmine Mitchell &
Beibhinn O'Donahue
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Girls X-C

On a drizzly Saturday afternoon, the girls' cross-country team posted a commanding team victory over Choate.

In their first meet, after a Brooks scrimmage and two Invitationals, the girls returned to last years Interscholastic Championship course at Choate.

Overcoming both injury and wet, muddy conditions the Big Blue overwhelmed Choate on their home course by a significant score of 19-42, proving that they will be formidable opponent in the weeks to come.

Leading the team, and the race, was junior Melissa Donais '02, who once again posted a sensational time of 18:56. Following her, in a great team effort, the Big Blue put four girls between Choate's number one and two runners, gaining, 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th place.

Individually, Kaitlin McCann, '02, showed significant progress in improving her time to 20:41 to finish 5th, as did Kate Larson, '00, who improved upon her time from last year by 10 seconds to 20:40 to finish 4th. Louise Story, '99 also bettered her last time on the course with an amazing improvement of 1:30 to 23:12. Adrea Lee, '00, in her first race ever produced a great effort with a time of 23:00, getting 11th place for the team. Hillary Jay, '02, Beibhinn O'Donoghue, '99, Jasmine Mitchell, '99, Anne Abbott, '00, Chelsea Gosk, '00, and Emily Carter also presented great efforts, getting 2nd, 3rd, 6th, 7th, 8th, and 9th places for the team respectively.

With the success of this early season win, Andover cross-country shows great prospects, and is looking forward to the meets ahead.

Next, the girls are looking towards this weekend's home meet against BB&N and St.Paul's, both opponents who will offer a challenge to the strong Andover pack.

10/10/98

Girls' Cross-Country Boosted by Strong Performance from Donais '02

by Beibhinn O'Donahue
& Jasmine Mitchell
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITERS

In their first home race of the season, the Andover girls X-country team proved themselves to be a potential powerhouse in the weeks to come. As evidence of this amazing performance, fourteen out of sixteen runners set personal bests. In the process, the girls also defeated two tough opponents, St. Paul's and BB&N.

This race also provided a chance for newcomers, Jackie Kook '99, Faran Krentcil '99, and Julia Noble '99 to experience firsthand some of the competition ahead in the New England racing scene. Melissa Donais '02 led the pack and finished strong with an amazing time of 19:26, which placed Melissa third on the all-time list of Phillips Academy best times.

This achievement is an astounding feat for any runner, especially for a freshman with three more years to compete. Beibhinn O'Donoghue '99, and Hillary Jay '02 also earned their way to the Phillips Academy all-time top twenty list, tying for tenth place. Beibhinn, who has been on the team for the past four years, well deserves this honor for her effort and dedication to the team. For Hillary, also a freshman, this distinction marks the beginning of a promising running career.

Kate Larson '00 and Caitlin McCann '02, once again finished together and helped each other to improve upon their previous time on the course, placing 9th and 10th for the team. Coming in next were Jasmine Mitchell '99, finishing in 21:26, and Anne Abbott '00, finishing in 21:54, both finishing with personal best times.

Completing the strong team performance were the members of the JV team. Chelsie Gosk '00, Emily Carter '00, and Adrea Lee '01 finished 20th , 21st , and 22nd, respectively for the team. Adding to the depth of the team were Pepper Yelton '00, Louise Story '99, and Bridget Cook '00, who all put forth great performances. This remarkable exhibition of tenacity and dedication so early in the season bodes well for the team as they face tougher competition.

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Melissa Donais '02 was the top Andover finisher this week.

10/17/98

Despite Strong Team Effort, Girls' Cross-Country Falls Just Short of Lady Hoggers

by Jasmine Mitchell &
Beibhinn O'Donaghue
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

NMH	**26**
Andover	**31**

Girls X-C

Despite a valiant effort on the part of the Andover girls' cross-country team, the Big Blue suffered a tough first loss to NMH this past week by a close score of 26-31. The team displayed remarkable pack running and posted many significant individual improvements, but in the end the Lady Hoggers proved themselves to be worthy opponents. Coming into the meet,

Andover didn't know much about the tactics of the NMH team or its' runners, but now the girls have learned the strategies NMH uses to win. In order to prevail over the Lady Hoggers in the future, the girls are putting in many tough workouts that will enable them to break up NMH's strong pack of front runners.

Despite the story that the numbers may tell, Andover's race on Saturday was quite a success as both the Varsity and JV races were won by Andover runners. The Varsity race was led once again my Melissa Donais '02, who came in with a phenomenal time of 16:53 on the 2.5-mile NMH course. Coming in behind her was a strong pack of runners who claimed sixth through tenth places. This pack included Hillary Jay '02, Beibhinn O'Donoghue '99, Kate Larson '00, and Jasmine Mitchell '99, Kaitlin McCann '02, and Anne Abbott '00 the latter three tying for tenth place. In a great effort, Jay almost edged out a startled NMH runner at the finish line.

The JV race was led my senior Louise Story who continued her significant time improvements by taking more than two minutes off her last year's time to get a 19:46. Right on her heels were Adrea Lee '01, Emily Carter '00, and Bridget Cook '00, finishing 2nd, 4th, and 10th respectively. Despite an unfortunate turn of events which caused the Blue to default, every member of the JV team showed continued improvement and depth. This loss, tough as it was, will only serve to strengthen the will and determination of the team as they continue to face their opponents. This weekend, the girls will use this newfound resolve to face Deerfield during Parent's Weekend.

10/24/98

X-Country Doubles-Up Deerfield

by Jasmine Mitchell &
Beibhinn O'Donaghue
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITERS

Andover	**20**
Deerfield	**40**

Girls X-C

On its last race on the home course this season, the Andover Blue had some fantastic performances and gained an important win against Deerfield.

For the seniors on the team, Beibhinn O'Donoghue, Jasmine Mitchell, and Louise Story, this was an especially significant race since it was the last time that they would ever run Heartbreak, or stride across the Great Lawn to the finish line. O'Donoghue '99 marked her last race with a personal best of 20:13, a time that established herself as one of the all-time fastest Phillips Academy runners on the course. Story '99, who has improved immensely over the season, finished strong with a personal best of 22:48. Mitchell '99 ran a time of 21:48, and put herself in front of Deerfield's second runner, which tremendously helped in terms of scoring points.

Another member of the team who showed great improvement was Kate Larsen '00. Larson has suddenly skyrocketed for Andover with a slew of strong performances. With the new outburst of energy that she has shown over the past few weeks, she should be one to watch this weekend when the Blue races Exeter.

Athlete of the Week Melissa Donais '02, finishing with a personal best of 19:24, placed second overall and earned the sixth-fastest time ever on the course. Hillary Jay '02 and Kaitlin McAnn '02 placed third and fifth for the team, respectively, and provided the depth necessary for the Big Blue's win.

Sara Smith '99, Alex Macallum '99, Sasha Hrdy '00, and Miru Kim '99 ran their first races on Saturday and demonstrated the ability and strength that they have been striving for all season. For seniors Smith, Macallu, and Kim, along with Jackie Kook '99, Faran Krentcil '99, and Julia Noble '99, this was their last race ever on the Andover course and will long be remembered as they look back on their Andover running career.

But, for underclassmen, our familiar course will be revisited next year with high hopes and great potential. Adrea Lee '01 improved to finish strong for the Andover Blue, and was followed by Emily Carter '00, Chelsie Gosk '00, Pepper Yelton '00, and Bridget Cook '00. The Blue looks forward with excitement and anticipation to this coming weekend, when we face our red-clad rivals to the North.

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Beibhinn O'Donaghue '99, left, in a groove

10/31/98

Girls' X-Country Edges Exeter

by Jasmine Mitchell &
Beibhinn O'Donoghue
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITERS

Andover	**26**
Exeter	**28**

For the first time since 1993, the Andover Blue dominated Exeter's cross-country team. Even though the score was close, the victory was significant and proved that Andover girls can eat red meat. Through an incredible team performance, the girls managed to prevail over their arch-rivals, and present themselves as a formidable force at Interschols this weekend. In this pivotal meet every member of the team stepped up and dug down deep inside themselves to produce the energy and drive necessary to overcome their formidable opponents.

The girls entered the meet with some anxiety about how to beat the undefeated Exeter team, but spirit, unity, and determination pulled the girls together to take on the Exeter Red. The race started off fast, but Andover stayed with their competitors every step of the way for the first mile. As the race progressed, the Blue gradually began to overtake the Exeter team. The key to the race was the incredible support the girls gave one another. At the last 400 meters, a large Blue cheering squad could be seen, urging the girls on. With this chorus of voices shouting out encouragements, the Andover runners were determined and able to push through to the finish.

The last section of the race was especially exciting as Andover runners overtook their Exeter opponents to secure the win. Caitlin McCann '02, who has shown amazing improvement throughout the season, gave eloquent testament to her drive and talent. Splitting up Exeter's third and fourth runners, McCann came in at an incredible time of 19:27. Kate Larson '01 and Jasmine Mitchell '99, who passed two Exeter runners in the last 800 meters in an amazing display of guts and speed, helped immensely in widening the score gap, giving the girls crucial points to cinch their win. Anne Abbott '00, coming off a recent ankle injury, showed tremendous drive; she will be shooting towards defeating Exeter again this weekend. Incredible times and performances were also put forth by Melissa Donais '02, Hillary Jay '02, and Beibhinn O'Donoghue '99, who finished 2nd, 4th, and 5th, respectively. Each of these three Andover runners earned themselves a place within the top 51 times on the Exeter top 100 times list. Donais struggled with the top Exeter runner, just barely losing out to her in the end; she now has the hunger and determination to beat her this weekend. Jay and O'Donoghue, who, working together throughout the race, almost surpassed Exeter's second runner, also hope to get their Exie this weekend.

The JV race similarly showed the depth and intensity Andover needed to eliminate the Exeter competition. Adrea Lee '01 and Chelsie Gosk '00 finished first and second in a strenuous race. They were followed by a strong Andover pack made of Emily Carter '00, Louise Story '99, and Pepper Yelton '00, all three of whom placed in front of Exeter's third runner. In their last dual meet of the year, Jackie Kook '99, Miru Kim '99, Sasha Hardy '00, Bridget Cook '00 and Julia Noble '99 all pulled through and epitomized the spirit that helps the Blue prevail. Having accrued these strong victories, the Andover Blue looks forward to this weekend at Interscholastics with high hopes and expectations.

TOP FINISHERS

1. Hampson, E PEA 17:59

2. Donais, M AND 18:09

3. Hampson, J PEA 18:47

4. Jay, H AND 18:57

5. O'Donoghue AND 19:00

11/7/98

Second at Interschols

by Jasmine Mitchell &
Beibhinn O'Donoghue
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITERS

Girls' X-C

In an amazing display of teamwork and perseverance, the girls cross-country team finished their season with a second place finish at Division I nterscholastics among a very tough ield of competitors. As co-captain asmine Mitchell commented, "We ouldn't have asked for anything nore. The team really pulled through nd gave this race everything they iad."

The night before Interscholastics, he girls' rendition of "Everybody" by he Backstreet Boys provided the team nd the school with unity and spirit, vhich would carry over to Saturday's ace. With the roar of the crowd still inging in their ears, the girls danced xpertly thanks to the choreography of 3ridget Cook'00 and Chelsie Gosk 00. While the crowd cheered, the girls xited the gym with excitement and nticipation.

The next morning at Avon Old Farms in Avon, Connecticut, the girls nxiously ran through the winding ourse, taking note of all the narrow ieces, hills, and sandy pits with nsure footing.

With a slight chill in the air, and a ight blue sky with no sign of the rain louds that have plagued Interscholas- ics for the past three years, Saturday eemed to be the perfect day for a ross-country race. After the course our, the varsity seven came together is a unit, stretched, and talked with ervous impatience about the race to ome. Showing anxiety, but not fear, he girls finally headed down to the tart, and meticulously went through he ritual of striders and skips to oosen up before the race. Finally, the eam came together for a loud "Go Big Blue" and anxiously stepped up to the white starting line.

As the gun finally went off, the Andover girls could be seen fighting off a stampede of girls to gain position. When the girls finally emerged from the woods about three miles later it was a fight to the finish. The course ended on a track, where each runner could see exactly who was in front of them, and could give it one last push to catch the person in front.

Two Andover runners earned a hallowed place in the All-American ranks of Cross-Country runners by being one of the first fifteen runners to finish. In a four year culmination of effort and dedication, Beibhinn O'Donoghue had her place to shine as the 8th runner to cross the finish line. Defeating rival Jolene Hamson '99, Beibhinn propelled through the pack of 82 runners to earn her position as a Boston Globe All-Star.

In the last race of her Andover running career, Beibhinn exceeded all prior achievements and left Avon with the recognition and respect that she deserves. Melissa Donais '02, the freshman sensation who has stunned her competitors with amazing talent and drive this whole season, surpassed arch-rival Emily Hampson '02 on the track in the final meters of the race. With a third place finish, we can be sure that Melissa will be a dominating force to contend with for next year. Kate Larson '01 surmounted her first place JV accomplishment from last year by finishing 18th overall, and just barely missed gaining All-Star Honors for the Boston Globe. As co-captain with Anne Abbott '99 next year, Kate will surely earn her way to All-Star ranks by next season, and will thereby help lead the team to another championship.

Hillary Jay '02 ran an impressive race, and despite a minor setback, proved herself as a contender for next season. Kaitlin McCann '02 ran the race of her season and placed fourth for the team, and 29th overall, giving the team essential points to edge them over their arch-rivals Exeter. McCann also has the talent and perseverance to become a force to be reckoned with in her remaining three years at Andover.

Anne Abbott '00 in an outstanding show of determination and courage, exhibited the tenacity that characterizes the Andover girls' cross-country team by running a 21:03 despite an ankle injury. In her last race of the season, senior co-captain Jasmine Mitchell, a four-year member of the team, gave a gutsy performance and in the last 100 meters passed an amazing three runners.

This final spurt of energy at the end of a tough race by Mitchell helped the team to gain valuable points in their nine point win over Exeter to clinch second place.

In the JV race, Louise Story '99 finished tenth out of a field of 68 runners. In her last race of the year, Louise, who has improved immensely over the course of the season, once again proved herself a confident and experienced runner. Adrea Lee '01 earned eighth place, which is an amazing accomplishment for this lower who through her talent and hard work, pulled herself up from training group to run first for the team at JV Interscholastics.

In an impressive pack, placing 16-18th were Chelsie Gosk '00, Virginie Chouinard '99, and Emily Carter '00. Working together, these three were an integral part of the JV team's third place finish. In another tight pack, Faran Krentcil '99, Bridget Cook '00, and Pepper Yelton '00 finished 25th, 26th, and 28th, respectively.

Sasha Hrdy, another recruit from training group, exhibited a remarkable race, and finished 37th and will be a promising addition to the team next year. Overall, the team accomplished everything that it set out to do, and were psyched with their 2nd place finish, especially about the fact that they beat Exeter when it really count. As co-captain O'Donoghue remarked, "It as a really exciting finish to an amazing season. We ended the season with only one loss, and the one team we lost to we beat at Interschols. Everybody put forth their best effort and we ended the season with a real sense of accomplishment."

11/14/98

FINISH SECOND IN NEPSTA

Uppers Abbott and Larsen Selected as Next Year's Co-Captains

by Bridget Cook
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Girls X-C

The girls' cross country season this year was filled with many highlights, both in the dual meets as well as the invitationals. The team was coached by Nancy Lang and Katie Fobert. With a record of 5-1 going into Interschols, the team provided a lot of depth and talent this year.

The first race of the season was the annual scrimmage against Brooks school in North Andover. This race provided some good experience for the new runners on the team and helped to get the team ready for the official season. This race appeared to be favorable for the Andover team.

The next two meets for the girls were both invitationals. The first of the two was Manchester Invitational. The freshman race was highly successful with three runners, Melissa Donais '02, Hilary Jay '02, and Kaitlin McCann '02, all placing within the top twenty runners in the race. The Varsity race was competitive and the girls fared well. Captains Beibhinn O'Donoghue '99 and Jasmine Mitchell '99, as well as Anne Abbott '00 raced and all placed within the top 100 runners of over 200 total. These six girls, along with Kate Larsen '00 would soon become the seven varsity runners that would prove their talent as the season continued.

The next weekend, the team traveled up to Vermont to race in an invitational at Thetford Academy. It would prove to be a fun day at Thetford, with the team placing 11th out of the fifty teams which ran that day. Andover placed three runners within the top 80 and the top seven runners all came in within the top 155. There was a total of 600 runners at the invitational that day. Emily Carter '00 and Pepper Yelton '00, running in the seed four race that day, both showed promise for the season, placing 7th and 15th, respectively. For Carter, this was an even larger feat, as Thetford was her first cross-country race ever.

Choate marked the first dual meet race in which the girls competed. The girls went to Choate and the returning members of the team recalled how similar the weather was to Interschols last year. The course was muddy and cold, but the girls pushed on for their first win of the season. Two notable moments of the day were two returning runners who both took seconds off their times on the same course last year. Larsen, who had won the JV race last year at Interschols, took ten seconds off her time, and Louise Story '99 took a whopping 1:27 off her's. The season was in full swing, and it appeared that the team would continue to win.

The first home meet of the season was a meet against St. Paul's and BB&N. The girls worked hard on their home course to bring in their second and third wins of the season. Remarkably, 14 out of the 16 girls who raced that day achieved personal bests. The girls were revved up and ready for their next meet against NMH, it was the first and only loss of the season. The Varsity runners raced hard, but were not able to pull out ahead of the NMH team. The JV race was also fought hard, but had to forfeit when only four of the runners could finish the race, due to an untimely asthma attack suffered by one of the runners. It was a disappointing day for the girls, but it helped to psyche them up for Parents Weekend against Deerfield.

The Saturday of the Parents' Weekend race proved to be a great day. There were a lot of runners out there, as many girls in the training group were competing in their first race of the season. For O'Donoghue and Mitchell, this was the last home race of their four-year careers. Deerfield's first runner came out in the lead, with freshman Donais right behind her. Donais ran a personal best this race, with a time of 19:24, the sixth fastest Andover time run on the course. The course record by an Andover runner is 19:07, which implies that if Donais keeps improving for the next three years, she might have a chance at a new record. Everyone ran very well and felt prepared for the last dual meet of the season, against Exeter.

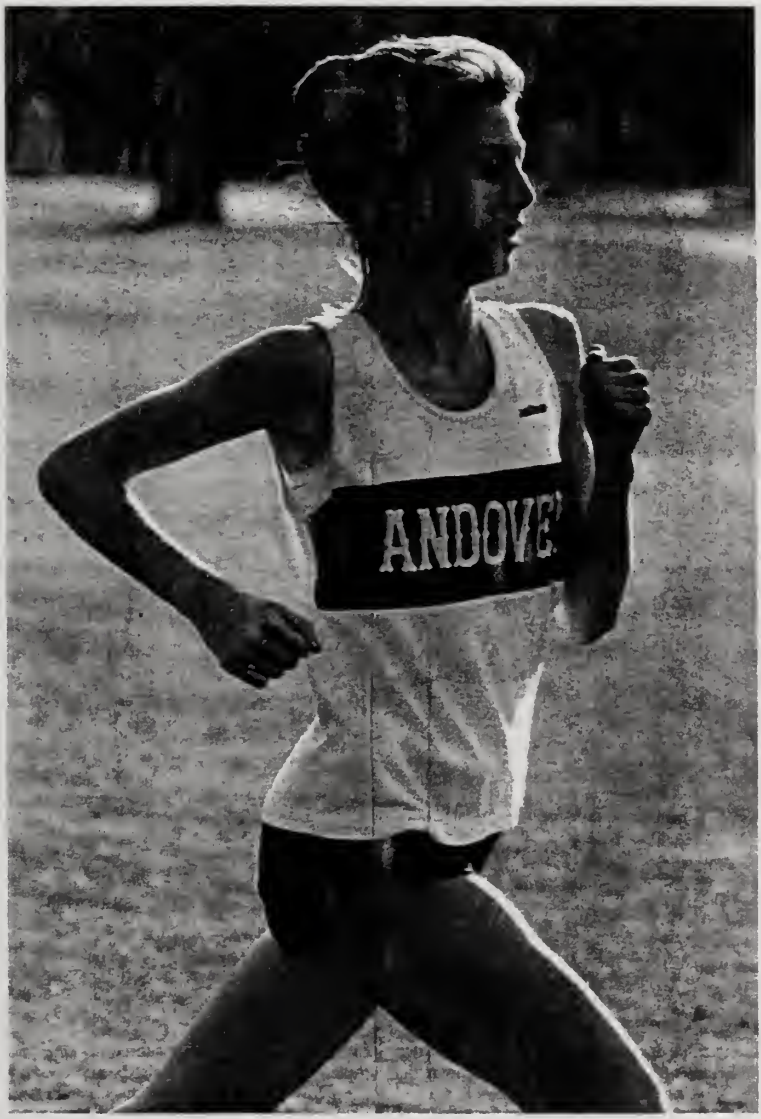
With a record of 4-1 thusfar, the girls felt confident that they had the talent to beat Exeter on it's home turf. The Exeter course is nice and flat, and slightly shorter than Andover's course. These course conditions led to a fast race with a lot of competition. The team put forth a great amount of effort and hard work for this win. The Varsity race was fought out and Andover managed to split Exeters runners, allowing the team to win. The JV race was also impressive, with Adrea Lee '01 and Chelsie Gosk '00 coming in first and second, respectively. The girls returned home, happy with a season's record of 5-1, and ready to prepare for Interschols.

This year's Interscholastic competition was at Avon Old Farms School in Connecticut. The teams raced well, with varsity placing second place behind St. Paul's and the JV team placing third. Donais, O'Donoghue, Jay, and Larsen all had very strong performances as did Mitchell, McCann, and Abbot. The JV team put forth immese effort and worked off each other by running in packs for its third place win. This season was great for Andover and hopefully next season can be just as good, if not better.

This year's captains were O'Donoghue and Mitchell. Their leadership was apparent not only in the races, but also in the practices and around campus. Not only were they a lot of fun as captains, always providing campus run cheers on Fridays, but they were also both consistently in the top seven runners. Next year's captains will be Abbott and Larsen. These two girls should prove to be very good captains, as each will be running for her third season and has shown her dedication and support for the team.

Fortunately for the squad, there will be a lot of runners returning next year. The returning seniors will be: Abbot, Larsen, Gosk, Carter, Bridget Cook, Sasha Hrdy, and Pepper Yelton. These seniors, as well as rising lowers Jay, Donais and McCann and rising upper Lee will be a great team with a wealth of experience. Everyone should be looking forward to next season, as it should be filled with both fun and lots of wins.

CROSS COUNTRY



Junior Melissa Donais led the Girls' Cross Country Team to a 5-1 record.

SPORT: Field Hockey

YEAR: 1998-1999

CAPTAIN: Rachael Burnes, Morgan Madera , Alice Sawyer
HOME ADDRESS:

MANAGER: Joseph Mattison
HOME ADDRESS:

COACH: Kate Dolan
ASSISTANT COACHES: Martha Fenton

SEASON RECORD

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ANNEBERG, CHRISTINE H.
BARENSFELD, ANNA G.
BREEN, KATHRYN S.
BURNES, RACHEL C. (TC)
BURT, LINDSAY C.
DOYKOS, BERNADETTE
HUDSON, MEREDITH A.
LEWIS, ANNA C.R.
LOCKS, SABRINA A.
MACMILLAN, KATHARINE
MADERA, MORGAN J. (TC)
MATTISON, JOSEPH, IV (M)
O'BRIEN, MARIEL K.
OSOFSKY, LULING
RICHARDSON, SUSANNAH M.
SANDERS, LAURA
SAWYER, ALICE T. (TC)
TSAI, LAUREN E.
VALEO, ANNA E.
WESSLING, A. CHACE

Letter winners

FIELD HOCKEY

			PA	OPP
Wed., Sept. 23	(A)	Milton	0	2
Sat., Sept. 26	(A)	Loomis-Chaffee	1	2
Thurs., Oct. 1	(A)	Noble & Greenough	0	1
Sat., Oct. 3	(H)	Tabor	3	0
Wed., Oct. 7	(A)	Governor Dummer	0	0
WED., Oct. 14	(H)	St. Pauls	0	2
Sat., Oct. 17	(H)	Harvard	3	3
Sat., Oct. 24	(A)	N.M.H.	1	4
Wed., Oct. 28	(A)	B.B.&N.	0	0
FRI., Oct. 30	(H)	Deerfield	1	1
Wed., Nov. 4	(A)	Middlesex	1	2
Sat., Nov. 7	(A)	Pingree	0	2
Wed., NOV. 11	(H)	Winsor	1	0
Sat., Nov. 14	(H)	Exeter	1	0

SQUAD STATISTICS

NAME & HOME ADDRESS	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	CLASS	POSITION
nders, Laura			upper	forward/mi
'Brian, Mariel			lower	forward/mi
ral millam, Kate			upper	forward
chel Burns			Senior	forward
nsey Burt			Senior	forward
ther Graul			Senior/PG	forward
rgan Madera			Senior	Defense
Sawyer			Senior	Defense
ristine Anneburg			upper	forward/defense
tie breen			upper	forward
na Lewis			upper	Defense/midfield
lins Osofsky			upper	forward
annah Richardson			upper	midfield
uren Tsai			upper	forward

SQUAD STATISTICS

NAME & HOME ADDRESS	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	CLASS	POSITION
ina Valeo			upper	Defense
erri Hudson			Lower	Midfield
brina Lakas			Lower	Midfield / Defense
riel O'Brian			Lower	Forward
ace Wessling			Senior	goal
na Dorkos			upper	goal
na Barensfeld			Freshman	Goal

DATE OF CONTEST:

OPPONENT: Cushing

WHERE PLAYED: PA

RESULTS: Win

The blue's first scrimmage against Cushing at home was a 1-0 victory. Heather Graul '99, a post graduate, brought her experience to the offense, scoring the only goal of the game. This scrimmage served as a chance for head coach Kate Dolan to play with the positioning of many of the new and versatile players. While the Blue's defense was relatively solid for so early in the season, the offense was still working on their midfield transition and spacing. The girls came out strong, but had their work cut out for them, as they tasted the first mouthful of victory before the regular season.

DATE OF CONTEST:

OPPONENT: Thayer

WHERE PLAYED: PA

RESULTS: loss

In last Saturday's scrimmage, a loss, 2-1, against Thayer, coach Dolan was trying at least two new offensive formations and moving many players from their routine positions to completely different places on the field. The Blue, a much more agile and fit team than Thayer, did not execute its basic and fundamental skills with the promise it had shown earlier against Cushing until the last ten minutes of the game. A time out allowed the team to collect itself. Although unable to tie the game up, the girls played a strong last ten minutes building confidence for the season.

Milton	2
Andover	0

With preseason and two scrimmages under its belt, the varsity field hockey team is ready for the regular season. This year's tri-captains, Morgan Madera '99, Tysie Sawyer '99, and Rachel Burnes '99 along with the other six returnees have set out in showing the new team members that field hockey isn't just another "skirt sport."

Not only three of the teams most dynamic players, this year's captain trio posseses the leadership and sense of humor necessary for a successful season. Rachel Burnes '99 spent two weeks in Barcelona, Spain at the European Hockey Federation Camp of Excellence participating in a coed program with national team playersn from all over the world. Morgan Madera '99 and Tysie Sawyer '99 led a group of varsity candidates to White Mountain Sports Camp in western Massachusetts during August for a week of fine-tuning before preseason. Returnees Lindsay Burt '99, Chace Wessling '99, Katie Breen '00, Kate Macmillan '00, Merri Hudson '01 and Anna Valeo '00 spent a summer in anticipation and practice, including many who participated in summer leagues.

Last year's sole freshman on the varsity team, Merri Hudson, was selected from the junior Olympics program to play on the United States under 16 team. In the words of Coach Martha Fenton during a half time pep talk, "this team has got talent all over the field."

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Milton

The Blue's first contest of the regular season against Milton Academy challenged the team's force as a unit. Although each player has plenty of individual skill, it is a very cohesive group, still working to use every position on the field to its fullest capacity. The Milton field, flat, short and fast tested the footwork of Andover. The Blue dominated almost the entire match keeping the ball on the offensive end of the field. Despite Andover's strong midfield transition, Milton proved to be more aggressive, stealing the ball on a fast break and penetrating the Blue's defensive circle. Struggling to work as a cohesive unit, the defense fouled twice inside the circle, giving their opponents two short corners, and on the second, Milton capitalized sending an outside shot to the back of the net.

In the second half the blue took on its evenly skilled opponents with a strong determination. Defender Morgan Madera kept on the ball relentlessly at left back. Midfielder and forward Christine Annenberg '00 consistently redirected strong linking passes from captain Tysie Sawyer but Andover struggled to penetrate the offensive circle, ending with only three shots on goal and only four short corners. Milton once again tested the team's composure, with another fast break leaving goalie Chace Wessling '99 to defend two speedy Milton forwards by herself. Wessling, who amassed ten saves on the day, was in luck when a Milton player missed an open net. Later, though, Milton capitalized on another short corner making the score 2-0, a lead which proved insurmountable for the Blue.

After such an anticlimactic beginning, the field hockey team eagerly awaits its match this weekend against Loomis-Chaffee. The team also congratulates Coach Fenton on the birth of her new baby girl, Jordyn O'Neill.

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L. Hoopes/*The Phillipian*

Captain Rachel Burnes '99 fights for a loose ball during Andover's loss to Milton two weeks ago.

9/23/98

Field Hockey Skins Sea Monkeys and Ties GDA

by Anna Valeo
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover	**3**
Tabor	**0**

Andover	**0**
Governor Dummer	**0**

Playing in their first home game, the Andover field hockey team topped Tabor in a 3-0 shutout. The Big Blue avenged last year's devastating 6-0 loss. This year's roster is by far one of the most eclectic groups ever, and Saturday's tremendous win attests to just what kind of a season this year's team is capable of having.

In the first half, the girls controlled the ball better than they have so far this year. The starting forward line made many passing connections by sending the ball back to defensive leader and captain Tysie Sawyer '99, who can always redirect the ball with control and timing.

The Band was pressuring their offensive circle aggressively. Inner Katie Breen '00 sent a slap hit cross ball to the left post where Lindsay Burt was there with her stick down to tip the ball to the back of the net setting the score at 1-0 with a minute and twenty five seconds of the game underway. It was clear that Andover was the force of the contest.

Defensively, the blue's free hits were hard accurate and right though the many gaps in Tabor's walls. Right backs Anna Lewis '00 and Sabrina Locks '01 played persistent defense on Tabor's speedy left wing. Impeccably connecting with the ball, the backs and sweeper kept Tabor out of their offensive end to finish the half with a 1-0 shutout.

Goalie Chace Wessling '99 kept the ball low and fast on her clears and for the first time since the saeson's inception, the blue defense worked simultaneously with the offense to maintain control of the game.

Post Grad Heather Graul '99 used her trademark one-handed reach to elude two defenders off a beautiful flat pass form Laura Sanders '00. Graul buried the ball in the back right corner of the net setting the score to 2-0.

Exhilarated with their multiple marks on the scoreboard, a first for the season, the blue wanted more. Blocking up the Tabor free hits and staying low, the offense continued to dominate the rest of the second half.

With eight minutes to go, left inner Katie Breen '00 fired a quick slap shot, sounding the wood at the back of the net once more for the blue and adding another goal to the sweet 3-0 victory of that perfect fall day.

It seemed as though Andover field hockey was once again back on track after Saturday's 3-0 win over a strong Tabor team. Unfortunately, the track did not continue through Wednesday, when the Blue faced Governor Dummer Academy.

By the end of the first half, with the score still at 0-0 the blue found itself laden with frustration. Not only were they getting literally run off the ball by a seemingly younger definitely less agile team, but they had yet to net a goal.

Defensively, Andover had no trouble protecting their circle. Goalie Bernadette Doykos '00 rarely touched the ball, while still making strong flat clears when necessary. Her defensive circle remained very inactive throughout the second half.

Offensively, the blue remained persistent. Feeding off of perfectly directed passes from Sawyer, the midfield had many great connections. Because GDA had every player on their team in their defensive circle hacking at the blue's sticks, Andover was not able to score off of any short corners. Midfielder Merri Hudson '01 was able to get around the poking GDA defenders, but the circle was so crowded that none of her hard shots reached the back of the net.

Back Sabrina Locks '01 and Susannah Richardson '00 kept any stray balls on goal from outside the circle, but somehow the clock ran out before Andover could score.

An exhilarated GDA left the blue angry, cold and frustrated. A team that now knows how it feels to win boarded the bus in discontent with their 0-0 tie.

This weekend, Field Hockey travels to Choate in hopes of getting back on their winning track.

10/3/98
10/7/98

by Anna Valeo
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

St. Pauls	**2**
Andover	**0**

In preparation for perhaps the biggest contest of the season, the field hockey team practiced intensely all week. Coach Kate Dolan stressed quick and clean passing, fast defensive recovery and the intensity necessary for eluding such aggressive squads like St. Paul's.

It was clear that it would be imperative to use every second of both thirty-minute halves to reach the level of play that was Andover's goal. In many ways, that goal was reached.In the pouring rain and chilling cold of this past Wednesday, the field hockey team played with determination, composure, and grit. To their opponent, St. Paul's school, Andover was just another team on their schedule.

The blue however was seeking revenge on last season's humiliating 6-0 loss. St. Paul's, who has always had a notoriously strong attack, arrived on the playing field having set a record of solid performances. Last year they captured the Independent School Leauge title as well as having finished their season as the co-New England champions. Despite the chilling weather, the Blue, determined to prove themselves, worked seamlessly in a show of effort unparalleled thus far into

the season. Anyone who was present at Wednesday's match could feel the blue's yearning for victory. The blue finally worked as one, from goalie Chace Wessling '99 who dove sliding across four feet of mud to save a shot,who never let up on the ball until she could turn it over. The blue's spirit carried all the way through to the forward line where Kate Macmillan '00 r[illegible]ntlessly centered ball after ball using her control and her strong slap hit,

After a muddy first half, the blue was down 1-0. St. Paul's had executed efficiently off a short corner, netting the first goal of the game. This one goal did not affect the blue spirit. Heads were high, as coach Dolan called a time out. The team came back out pumped and ready to score but the game was one of interrupted connections.

The team's passing was beautiful, but often offset by aggressive St. Paul's stick deflections. Long hard crosses from center defender and captain Tysie Sawyer '99 and sweeper Anna Valeo '00 sent St. Paul's running on the shifts necessary to move the ball through the midfield, but the attack failed to net any of the hard crosses they constantly sent through the circle.

The beginning of the second half was a showing of of St. Paul's break away's, all of which were shut down by the defense and goalie Chace Wessling, and the attack, rewardlessly sending ball after ball into the circle. With eleven minutes to go, St. Paul's netted its second goal off another short corner, setting the scoreboard to where it would stay at 2-0.

For the remainder of the game, the Blue fought hard. In the words of coach Dolan, Andover proved to be "the kind of team that does not give up."

The team left the field wet, frustrated and completely drained. Although this 2-0 loss was a huge improvement upon last year's score, disappointment plagued the girls. Nonetheless, never before has the Blue come together with such new-found force, which they can now carry to every ensuing game. This Saturday the Blue faces Harvard in what just may be a sunnier, more victorious contest.

10/14/98

L. Hoopes/*The Phillipian*

A lack of scoring continues to plague the field hockey team.

10/14/98

Field Hockey Kicked into Tie

By Anna Valeo
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover	**3**
Harvard JV	**3**

This past Saturday the field hockey team tied the Harvard JV 3-3. Despite many strong individual performances, the Blue was again unable to unleash the full field passing game it has access to. With assets like defender Tysie Sawyer '99 and shooter Christene Annenberg '00, it boggles the minds of fans and coaches alike that victory has chronically eluded the Blue thus far in the season. According to Coach Kate Dolan, "Statistically we dominate most of our games, but we need to finish our plays and find the back of the net more."

For the first half of Saturday's contest, Dolan played around with a different starting lineup. Dissatisfied with this season's scoring, the team is still trying new line combinations and offensive configurations. Some of the new position changes proved to be successful, as the first goal of the game, scored by Lindsay Burt '99, served to build momentum for the Blue. Coming midway through the first half, Burt's goal, which came from a perfect cross ball by center back Sawyer, turned up the intensity of the game.

Hungry for more, the girls stepped the end of the first half up another level. As the final moments of the half ticked down, midfielder Mariel O'Brien '01 connected with Annenberg, who used pure stickwork to touch the ball through the legs of the baffled Harvard goalie and into the net.

Leading 2-0 as the halftime whistle blew, the squad retired to the sidelines energized and motivated to continue their domination into the second half.

As the second half began, the necessary connections between the midfield and shooters came together nicely; mifielder Anna Lewis '00 and back Morgan Madera '99 relentlessly kept the ball in the offensive circle. Much to the chagrin of this stellar defense, however, Harvard managed to push through the Blue midfield and draw three short corners off of careless foot-faults in Andover's defensive circle. On the third short corner, Harvard capitalized, making the score 2-1.

The Blue, new to the leading end, quickly lost their intensity towards the middle of the half. A sneaky Harvard inner netted one last shot in a crowded circle, thus tying up the score and deleting the lead the Blue had worked so hard to build up.

With the score standing at a stale 2-2 and the clock winding down, Coach Dolan called a timeout and urged her squad to close in and finish the contest. At this point left wing Kate Macmillan '00 displayed one of her best performances of the season. Tenaciously carrying the ball down the left sideline, Macmillan dodged at least three Harvard defenders, set the ball low on the end line, and placed a textbook pass across the circle, where slap shot guru Merri Hudson '01 calmly and expertly netted the goal which should have sealed victory.

With the taste of a win in their mouths, the Blue awaited the end of game whistles. Unfortunately for Andover, the whistles they waited for did not come until five minutes after they expected. Harvard is a college team, and, per NCAA regulations, college halves are thirty five minutes long, compared to thirty-minute high school halves. With less than one minute left on the clock, two red forwards eluded all eleven Andover players and sent one last ball across goal line, stealing the Blue's lead and high spirits.

Although many defenders protested the official's call on the Harvard shot, which may have really been a kick, the shot counted just the same, and the Blue left the field frustrated once more. This Saturday the girls will journey to NMH in search of ever-elusive victory.

L. Hoopes/ *The Phillipian*

Kate Macmillan '00 dribbles the ball downfield.

10/17

Field Hockey Still Looking to Get on Track

by Anna Valeo
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover	1
NMH	4
Andover	0
BB&N	0

After a long trip to NMH the field hockey team arrived home this past Saturday still without victory. Despite an energetic start to the contest, NMH came out stronger than anticipated, and the Blue lost 4-1. Much to the discontent of all the players and the many parents on the sidelines, Andover fell short of the tenacity and luck necessary to defeat a strong NMH team.

Almost every Andover player had moments of brilliance during the NMH game. There were many fast breaks, good shots and great blocks, but when the clock ran out the Blue had not come together enough to appease the scoreboard, and yet again left the field tired, frustrated and confused. Andover played a strong first half on the turf-like NMH grass. It was a pristine day, and from the 1-1 score at half time, it looked like the girls were right on their game. Despite pitiful officiating, Andover quickly learned to play the whistle no matter what the call. The first NMH goal was scored in a series of corners that the opponent won on very controversial calls. Alluding all the defenders in the circle, and goalie Bernadette Doykos '00 one shot slipped by the defense in the first four minutes. This early first half score left the Blue hungry, and within the next five minutes, midfielder Laura Sanders '00 tipped in a beautiful cross ball from wing Lindsay Burt '99. Coach Dolan stressed in her halftime talk that a score of 1-1 is just as good as a score of 0-0 and that it was imperative that the Blue finish every play until the ball reached the back of the net.

The second half was filled with strong midfield connections. Captain Rachel Burnes '99 centered a flat pass to inner Katie Breen '00 who fired one of her notorious slap shots, only to have this well executed sequence deflected by the aggressive NMH goalie. Although the offense played well and carried the ball into the circle with ease and skill, the blue was plagued once again by a lack of shots on goal. Relentless offensive efforts proved unrewarding for the entirety of the second half, despite pure hustle from the likes of Kate Macmillian '00 and Lauren Tsai '00 and Susannah Richardson '00 who never gave up on the ball nor let any NMH defenders push them off it.

Defensively the Blue made some adjustments due to the absence of Tysie Sawyer '99 whose consistent play and strong stickwork were greatly missed on Saturday. Captain Morgan Madera '99 and sweeper Anna Valeo '00 worked hard to keep the ball out of their circle, but the Blue still came up short and ended the day with a long and frustrated two hour bus ride home.

After NMH it was time for some sort of change. There was no answer but the obvious-work harder. And harder they did. Monday and Tuesday's practices were some of the most productive work that the girls have done all season. In their quest for victory, the Blue went to BB&N this past Wednesday to come just short of a win in a scoreless 0-0 match.

Although frustrated with their scoreless tie, Andover united to play one of its stronger games of the season. BB&N's incredibly small field allowed for the Blue's cross-field passing game to really shine. Goalie Chace Wessling '99 made many great saves to secure the defensive shutout. Offensively, the blue was also very much on its game. Forwards Mariel O'Brien '01, Katie Breen and back Anna Lewis '00 relentlessly kept the ball in the circle.

Midfielder Merri Hudson '01 and forward Susannah Richardson teetered on the edge of netting two short corner shots using a new and effective play, but the feisty BB&N defenders kept the ball out, and the clock ran out before the either team could score.

This Friday night the girls take on Deerfield at 6:30 p.m. under the lights. Regardless of the season's record the girls plan to work hard with their heads up in search of well-deserved success.

10/24/98

10/28/98

Field Hockey Endures Another Winless Week

by Laura Sanders & Anna Valeo
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITERS

Andover	**1**
Deerfield	**1**

Middlesex	**2**
Andover	**1**

This past Friday night was the perfect opportunity for the field hockey team to break out of its losing streak, step up its game a notch and play like it knew how. Under the lights in front of a sea of Parents' Weekend supporters, the Blue tied one of the best teams in New England, Deerfield. The Blue came up with a new found fire, yet to be seen thus far in this frustrating season. Though Deerfield's team was both talented and aggressive the Blue sustained the necessary intensity to secure the 1-1 tie.

It was evident from the first half that the Blue was on its game. Finally, the girls came together, proving once again in flashes of brilliance that they do have the ability to play with the big guns. Strong individual performances were what led the Blue to its successful night.

Defensively, right back Sabrina Locks '01 relentlessly pressured the ball, kept it out of her end, and sent strong flat passes to the center, where co-captain Tysie Sawyer '99 set up many of this season's strongest offensive plays. Also on the defensive end, starting goalie Chace Wessling '99 saved five out of six shots from Deerfield's talented forwards. Most importantly, the Blue defense was finally able to work the ball out of its end with hard hits and good off-ball cutting.

In the offensive end, the Blue capitalized on what normally plagues its game most—shooting. Andover forwards sent in thirteen shots on goal, in comparison to Deerfield's mere six on Blue goalie Wessling. Merri Hudson '01 and Anna Lewis '00 kept up great midfield ball motion, which made space for the forward line to attack the Deerfield circle.

Warming up to the lighting, gargantuan crowd, and thick football-quality grass, the jittery Blue played an aggressive and strong first half, but it was not until the end of the second half that Andover really dominated the game. At the half, the Blue was down 1-0 after a lack-luster Deerfield tip on the offside post. Coach Dolan stressed that intensity would keep the Blue in the game. Fired up and ready to prove that "hard work beats talent when talent doesn't work hard", the Blue came out composed and ready to step things up.

As the clock wound down, many began to worry that the squad would not be able to capitalize on its opportunities. However late in the second half the Blue was awarded one of the game's few penalty corners. Recovering a missed pass to the left post, Kate Macmillan '00 sent the ball to the center, where big gun Christene Anneberg '00 slammed the ball past the helpless Deerfield goalie. The Big Blue celebrated such a momentum-changer, however in the final minutes neither team could secure the win. Despite the seemingly frustrating score, however, the squad left the field the moral,.if not numerical, victors, for they were the first team to score on Deerfield since the season's first game.

Wednesday was not nearly as satisfying as Parents' Weekend. The Blue lost 2-1 to a hard-hitting and top-ranked Middlesex team. The girls came out void of the intensity displayed in the Deerfield contest, and it was their lethargic first half that cost them the game.

10/30/98

Middlesex

11/4/98

Extremely aggressive and fast, Middlesex was able to capitalize on the Blue's shortcomings with its rapid pace of game and hard slap shot passing. Not until the final five minutes of the contest did Andover come together and adjust to the pace of the game that had already passed them by. But the forward line found it was too late, and unfortunately a single goal by left wing Lindsay Burt '99 late in the second half was not enough to overcome the 2-1 scoreboard.

Despite the loss there were many strong individual performances. Macmillan played her own game amongst the lethargy of her teammates, stepping up to the ball against brutish Middlesex midfielders. Early on in the game Locks actually stood between the pipes and prevented two shots from going in the goal. Goalie Wessling spent the game deflecting the hard shots of extremely elusive and fast Middlesex shooters, playing exceptionally well despite the loss.

A frustrating and negative halftime plagued the Blue, who found themselves once again in the rut of this season's unrewarding theme. In the words of coach Dolan "If we had played all sixty minutes with the passing and intensity of our last five minutes we would have challenged Middlesex much more." This Saturday the Blue will face Pingree in search of the intensity displayed under the lights, and the will to win.

Date of contest: 11/7/98

opponent: pingree

where played: Pingree

results: 0-2 loss

Date of contest: 11/11/98

opponent: windsor

where played: P.A.

Results: 1-0 win

Date of contest: 11/14/98

Opponent: Exeter

Where played: PA

results: 1-0 win

Captains Madera, Sawyer and Burnes Guide Girls' Field Hockey to Respectable 4-4-4 Season Record

by Anna Valeo
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS ASSOCIATE

Following in the footsteps of the Andover Field Hockey dynasty of past post-season success was no easy task for this year's Field Hockey squad, but it most definitely did it with tenacity. This year's tri-captains, Morgan Madera '99, Tysle Sawyer '99, and Rachel Burnes '99, along with this season's other six returnees led the team to its 4-4-4 record. Not only three of the team's most dynamic players, this year's captain trio possessed the leadership and sense of humor necessary for good team play. Burnes spent two weeks in Barcelona, Spain at the European Hockey Federation Camp of Excellence participating in a coed program with national team players from all over the world. Madera and Sawyer led a group of varsity candidates to White Mountain Sports Camp in Western Massachusetts during August for a week of fine-tuning before preseason. Returnees Lindsay Burt '99, Chace Wessling '99, Katie Breen '00, Kate Macmillan '00, Merri Hudson '01 and Anna Valeo '00 spent a summer in anticipation and practice, and many participated in summer leagues. Hudson, last year's sole freshman on the varsity, was selected from the junior Olympics program to play on the United States Under-16 team. There was no doubt this year that the team had talent, but perhaps not in all the right corners of the field.

After the first three games of the season, it was evident that the team was plagued by a scoring problem. Backed by a wall of strong defenders (Sawyer, Madera, Laura Sanders '00, Valeo, and goalie Wessling), what the Blue needed more than anything was a few sharp shooters. Nonetheless, with the veteran leadership of Macmillian and Hudson on offense the Blue emerged on top by the last game of the season against Exeter.

The first three games of the season, facing off against Noble and Greenough, Tabor and Governor Dummer Andover netted a total of four goals in comparison to the opponents' one. Although none were high scoring games, it was obvious to Coach Kate Dolan that those three contests reflected the Blue's need for more shooters. Despite the beautiful early fall season, the Blue was also plagued by a dry and bumpy home field, which made acclimating to smoother away surfaces all the more difficult. Despite a few minors set backs, the Blue persevered into the season.

After a frustrating 0-0 tie against Governor Dummer Academy, the Blue's offensive game took a turn for the better. In a close and well-fought contest, the squad earned a tremendous 3-3 tie against the Harvard Junior Varsity. On that crisp Saturday afternoon, the squad tied its more experienced college counterparts in front of a large crowd of parents and alumnae fans. The change in tone for the season was perhaps due to the halftime slogan presented to the team by their coach at halftime. Harvard was up 2-3 at the half, when Dolan offered up the phrase "hard work always beats talent when talent does not work hard." By the end of the game, the score was tied, and the Blue had seemingly conquered the slump.

Following the momentum-gaining Harvard game, the girls made the long journey up to Northfield Mount Hermon, where they submitted a 4-1 loss. Under a rainy sky, the Blue faced the most talented competitors of the season. In a heart-wrenching match, the team struggled to keep the ball out of the defensive zone. After submitting over nine penalty corners in just the first half of the Northfield game, the squad had its work cut out for it. Struggling to understand why such talent was not victorious where the scoreboard was concerned, it was concluded that more conditioning would perhaps do the trick. Midway through the season, the girls underwent a week of intense conditioning including track workouts in hopes of improving their speed and endurance.

After training intently and re-evaluating the field positioning, the Blue faced off against BB&N, submitting yet another dissatisfying tie. Questionable officiating cost the team two goals against BB&N. The first came when the ball touched the back of the net seemingly before the whistle blew for halftime and the second after halftime when the Blue netted a shot in front a crowded BB&N net. The referee rescinded the second Andover goal due to an injury time-out whistle for the other team. Although neither team lit the scoreboard on the 0-0 day, the Blue fought a hard and muddy game.

Following BB&N, the Blue then faced Deerfield under the lights during Parent's Weekend. Last year, Deerfield eliminated Andover in the quarter-finals of post season play; thus, the girls were out for revenge. This year the opponents proved much more powerful than in years past, having given up only two goals all season long. Impressively, the Blue tied the heavily-favored green in an excellent battle. Though down 0-1 at the end of the first half, the offense came through in the second half when Christine Anneberg '00 re-directed a Macmillan pass to the back of the Deerfield net. The defense trio of Madera, Sawyer, and Valeo closed off their end of the field, thus setting the final score at 1-1.

The last three games of the season, although split in scores, were indicative of the progress Coach Dolan's team made throughout the season. Facing the Pingree School (0-2), Windsor (1-0) and Middlesex (1-2) the team continued to struggle getting the ball into the attack zone, but stayed constant with their hard hits, good midfield transition and tenacity. Regardless of the scoreboard, the relentless work effort of the blue never yielded.

In a final redemption for all the season's toils, Andover beat Exeter in a season saving 1-0 victory. Due in part to the support of a tremendous Andover-Exeter weekend crowd, the final season's victory goal was accomplished due to an unassisted goal by Lauren Tsai '00 just two minutes into the game. After Tsai's goal the defense shut out what prevailed as the season's sweetest reward.

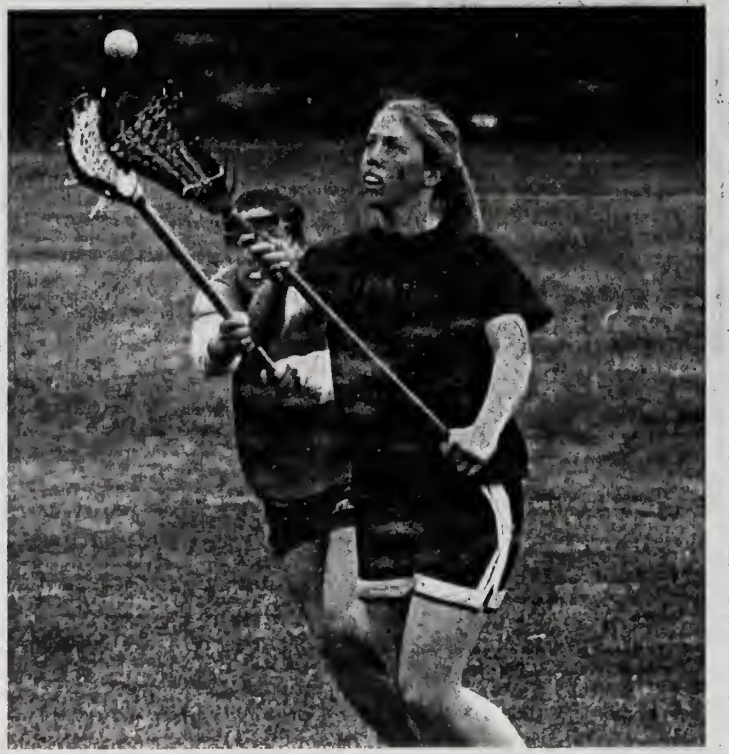
Kate Macmillian '00 brings the ball downfield during a 3-3 tie against Harvard JV.

Rachel Burnes '99

by Anna Valeo
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

To succeed in the games of field hockey and lacrosse a player must possess speed, endurance and stick skills. Traditionally a disciplined player will practice and painstakingly train to perfect these skills before she is a dominant force on any field. Such seems not to be the case with Athlete of the Year Rachel Burnes '99. Of course, Rachel trains as diligently as the next competitor, but it is her sheer athleticism that has carried her through ten varsity seasons during her PA career. Any spectator can see that the moves Rachel uses to take any defender to the goal were never taught to her, but are natural after thoughts on her speedy path to the net.

Born in New Haven, Connecticut, Rachel started her athletic career in seventh grade at the Friends' Academy in Dartmouth, Massachusetts. In 1994, the Friends' Academy named Rachel athlete of the term, and she captained their field hockey team. It was evident at a young age that Rachel was bursting with talent just waiting to be coached.



Her freshman year at Andover Rachel gained two things she calls "the reason why my Andover experience has been such a success," During her days in Nathan Hale, Rachel not only earned a position on the varsity field hockey team, but she also made a close friendship that would last throughout her Andover career. Tysie Sawyer '99 is undoubtedly an integral part of Rachel's success at Andover. As the only two freshmen on the varsity field hockey team that year Rachel and Tysie stuck together forming a bond that would last all four years. After playing ten varsity seasons for the Blue, Rachel describes Tysie as "an inspiration herself, we drove each other in every way here, socially, academically, and on the field. We could never have survived here without each other." As a freshman, Rachel also played on the Junior Varsity Ice Hockey and Lacrosse teams.

By her lower year, Rachel was a tri-varsity athlete. Of all three sports, she prefers Field Hockey. To her it "just makes the most sense." Obviously, the logic of the Field Hockey field is no mystery to Rachel, as she earned a two-year captianship of the varsity team for both her upper and senior years. In 1997, Rachel led the team to a 12-2-2 record and a sixth place in the NEPSAC tournament. The summer before her senior year Rachel traveled to Spain to play Field Hockey in Barcelona. Rachel was invited to tour with the European Camp of Excellence after competing in the Massachusetts Bay State games. Of her experience in Spain Rachel said, "The turf in Spain was amazing, that summer was the turning point for my game, I feel like I lost a little of what I learned that summer when I came home. When I have fun playing, I play better. Spain inspired me."

As a senior, Rachel was voted to be the captain of the varsity Ice Hockey team. In her last year on the team she led the squad to a final record of 7-13-1, not exactly reflective of her stellar athletic resume, but nonetheless of the experience she remarked, "that was one of the most fun seasons I've ever had." She continued to support her teammates by saying that next year, the team is "going to be so good." As Rachel looked over at me with her trademark ear to ear grin, I had no doubt that the team would have to acquire some major new talent without her as their leader.

Rachel's impact on the Lacrosse field is best reflected in the words of Kate Dolan, her coach in the 1999 season:

"It would have been easy for her to just step back this season as one of the three seniors on the team, but Rachel is a leader by example. Because I have coached her so much we have a great relationship. She knows when to laugh and when to buckle down." Coach Dolan further describes Rachel's hustle in saying, "Rach is the player who you can always count on to get the loose ground ball. She is not always the goal scorer but she always contributes." Indeed Rachel's contributions did not go unrewarded as the team captured the EIL championship after a tremendous 12-1-1 season.

Of course, Rachel is more than a tri-sport athlete. She spends her summer racing sailboats for the Bedford Yacht Club Racing Team. In 1997 Rachel skippered in the Vineyard Haven Junior Regatta placing second out of thirty-five boats.

Reflecting on her tireless athletic career in the past four years, Rachel simply says, "It's been amazing here. The experience of entering the whole varsity scene as a freshman, to be named as a 'jock' I was just plain lucky. I am a tremendously lucky person. I have been blessed. So many people here helped me along the way. Without Tysie, Kate Dolan, Martha Fenton, Kathy Henderson or Coach Mo, I would never have learned to love sports the way I do."

Next year Rachel plans to attend and play field hockey at Yale University. After meeting the Yale coach (coincidentally, also Dolan's college coach) at a field hockey camp the summer before her senior year, Rachel knew she and Yale made the perfect match. At the camp, Rachel had an incredible performance, and at the end of the week, she received a telephone call from the Yale coach encouraging her to apply early. Based on her stellar academic and athletic Andover career, Rachel has received nominations for both the Madame Sarah Abott Award and the Yale Bowl. Regardless of how Rachel fares with these awards, however, she will have made an indelible mark upon her friends, her coaches, and her teammates here at Andover.

Girls Field Hockey

Team Stats		Final Record								
Opp	Date	GF PA see	GA OPP	OPP Shots	PA Saves	PA Shots	OPP Saves	Corners PA / OPP	Win Lose	Record
Milton	9/23/98	0	2	12	10	3	3	3 / 8	Loss	0-1-0
Lomis	9/26/98	1	2	9	7	12	11	14 / 2	Loss	0-2-0
Nobles	10/1/98	0	1	7	6	0	0	2 / 6	Loss	0-3-0
Tabor	10/3/98	3	0	3	3	11	8	10 / 5	Win	1-3-0
GDA	10/7/98	0	0	3	3	21	21	10 / 1	Tie	1-3-1
Choate*	10/10/98	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1-3-1
St Paul's	10/14/98	0	2	7	5	5	5	4/5	Loss	1-4-1
Harvard	10/17/98	3	3	10	7	17	14	7/4	Tie	1-4-2
N.M.H.	10/24/98	1	4	16	12	15	14	6/16	Loss	1-5-2
B.B.&N.	10/28/98	0	0	5	5	12	12	6/5	Tie	1-5-3
Deerfield	10/30/98	1	1	6	5	13	12	5/2	Tie	1-5-3
Middlesex	11/4/98	1	2	17	15	3	2	1/10	Loss	1-6-3
Pingree	11/7/98	0	2	10	8	13	13	15/5	Loss	1-7-3
Winsor	11/11/98	1	0	6	6	10	9	12/5	Win	2-7-3
Exeter	11/14/98	1	0	4	4	4	3	7/5	Win	3-7-3

*DID NOT PLAY

PLAYER STATS

Player Season Stats	#	Pos	Goals	Assists	Points	Cards	Strokes	Games Played
Burns, Rachel	10	F	0	0	0	0	0	14
Burt, Linsey	24	F	3	1	4	0	0	13
Graul, Heather	16	F	1	0	1	0	0	5
Madera, Morgan	4	D	0	0	0	0	0	14
Sawyer, Ty	21	D	0	1	1	0	0	14
Anneburg, Christine	23	F/D	4	1	5	0	0	14
Breen, Katie	17	F	1	0	1	0	0	14
Lewis, Anna	3	M	0	0	0	0	0	13
Macmillan, Kate	9	F	0	3	3	0	0	14
Osofsky, Luling	8	M	0	0	0	0	0	14
Richardson, Susannah	18	M	0	0	0	0	0	14
Sanders, Laura	22	M	1	2	3	0	0	12
Tsai, Lauren	2	F	1	0	1	0	0	14
Valeo, Anna	6	D	0	0	0	0	0	14
Hudson, Merri	12	M	1	2	3	0	1	14
Locks, Sabrina	25	D	0	0	0	0	0	14
O'Brien, Mariel	20	F	0	1	1	0	0	14
Goalies	#	Pos	Points	Shots A.	Saves	GA	Save %	Games Played
Wessling, Chace	30	G	0	67	59	8	88	9
Doykos, Berna	11	G	0	20	16	4	80	2.5
Barensfeld, Anna	31	G	0	29	22	7	76	2.5

SPORT: FOOTBALL

YEAR: 1998 - 1999

CAPTAIN: Joseph Chisholm &James Smithwick
HOME ADDRESS:

MANAGER: Richelle Lane
HOME ADDRESS:

COACH: Leon Modeste
ASSISTANT COACHES: Lou Bernieri, Chip Dunn
Steve Carter, Raj Mundra

SEASON RECORD

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AISENBERG, JOSHUA B.
BISHOP, BRYAN H.
BLANCH, JUSTIN H.
BOUGH, GEOFFREY E.
BRANCACCIO,WILLIAM R.,Jr
BROWN, LEWIS, Jr.
CHISHOLM, JOSEPH P.(cc)
COSTANTINO, M. JOHN, Jr.
DELGADO, J. ABRAHAM
DEMPSEY, JOHN N., III
DUGAN, DAVID J.
ELLIS, JAMES R.
GALLAGHER, ANDREW W.
HERSCH, JEREMY L.
HORDON, MARC G.
KAGAN, ELI S.
KALIN, MATTHEW C.
KAYE, NOAH
LANE, RICHELLE N.(M)
LASATER, C. KAMPMANN
MacMILLAN, DAVID A.
McKINNEY, ZEKE J.
OTTARIANO, MARK K.
PENTA, PAUL A.
SACCOCCIA, BEAU P.
SALISBURY, PETER B.
SANTANA, GRANCIS
SAUNDERS, BRYAN M.
SCRIVEN, MATTHEW H.
SHEEHAN, PATRICK M.
SHETTY, ASHISH
SMITH, BRIAN N.
SMITHWICK, JAMES W.(ccc)
THURBER, DAVIS C.
WARD, SCOTT M.
WINSTON, BRAXTON D., II

Letter Winners

FOOTBALL

			PA	OPP
Sat., Sept. 19	(H)	Cushing (scrimmage)	no score for scrimmage	
Sat., Sept. 26	(A)	Loomis-Chaffee	29	8
Sat., Oct. 3	(H)	Hotchkiss	13	0
Sat., Oct. 10	(A)	Choate	21	7
Sat., Oct. 17	(H)	Kent	27	22
Sat., Oct. 24	(A)	N.M.H.	21	7
Sat., Oct. 31	(H)	Deerfield	6	7
Sun., Nov. 8,	(A)	New Hampton	22	7
Sat., Nov. 14	(H)	Exeter	7	12

SQUAD STATISTICS 1998

NAME & HOME ADDRESS	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	CLASS	POSITION
AISENBERG, JOSH 11900 BLUESPRUCE RD RESTON, VA 22091	6'2"	220	2000	L
ALLEN, RICHARD, Jr. 319 HOT SPRINGS RD SANTA BARBARA, CA 93108	6'8"		1999	B
BISHOP, BRYAN 47 CARISBROOKE RD WELLESLEY, MA 02481	5'11"	186	1999	B
BLANCH, JUSTIN 61 WESCOTT CIRCLE TEWKSBURY, MA 01876	5'9"	160	2000	B
BOUGH, GEOFFREY 356 COVINGTON RD LOS ALTOS, CA 99024	6'	172	1999	B
BRANCACCIO, WILLIAM 104 HARVEST RD SOUTHAMPTON, NY 11968	6'	215	2000	L
BROWN, LEWIS 4616 SUNDOWN LN MEMPHIS, TN 38109	5'7"	153	1999	B
CHISHOLM, JOSEPH P. 96 PROSPECT ST SUMMIT, NJ 07901	6'	194	1999	L
COSTANTINO, JOHN 100 TALLASSEE FARMS DR ATHENS, GA 30606	6'3"	234	1999	L
DELGADO, ABRAHAM 12424 LITTLETON ST SILVER SPRING, MD 20906	5'8"	155	2000	B

SQUAD STATISTICS

NAME & HOME ADDRESS	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	CLASS	POSITION
DEMPSEY, JOHN, III PO BOX 326 POMFRET CTR, CT 06259	6'1"	204	1999	K
DUGAN, DAVID 3519 RUNNYMEDE PLACE, NW WASHINGTON, DC 20015	6'2"	183	1999	B
ELLIS, JAMES 200 BUTTERNUT RD BARRINGTON, IL 60010	5'10"	154	1999	B
GALLAGHER, ANDREW 6140 WOODLEDGE DR OREFIELD, PA 18069	6'2"	203	1999	L
HERSCH, JEREMY 31 EAST 79TH STREET, APT 7W NEW YORK, NY 10021	5'8"	149	1999	B
HORDON, MARC PO BOX 1229 AMHERST, MA 03031	6'3"	221	2000	B
KAGAN, ELI 4 TERRACE PLACE TROY, NY 12180	5'8"	235	1999	B
KALIN, MATT 101 QUAIL RUN NORTH ANDOVER, MA 01845	5'9"	189	1999	L
KAYE, NOAH 626 SOUTHWEST MORNINGSIDE RD TOPEKA, KS 66606	5'11"	172	1999	B
LASATER, KAMPMANN 156 MADRONE AVENUE SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94127	6'	177	1999	B

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NAME & HOME ADDRESS	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	CLASS	POSITION
MacMILLAN, DAVID 50 ADIRONDACK DR EAST GREENWICH, RI 02818	6'1"	306	1999	L
McKINNEY, ZEKE 3005 SILVER LAKE RD ST. ANTHONY, MN 55418	5'6"	157	1999	B
OTTARIANO, MARK 52 LATHAM LANE READING, MA 01867	6'	183	2000	B,E
PENTA, PAUL 32 LARCHMONT RD MELROSE, MA 02176	5'10"	183	1999	L
SACCOCCIA, BEAU 991 EAST BEACH PASS CHRISTIAN, MS 39571	6'3"	195	2000	B
SALISBURY, PETER 52 WOODCLIFF RD WELLESLEY, MA 02481	6'3"	188	1999	E
SANTANA, GRANCIS 515 WEST 151ST STREET, #1-E NEW YORK, NY 10031	5'8"	125	1999	B
SAUNDERS, BRYAN 25-36 HUMPHREYS STREET EAST ELMHURST, NY 11369	5'11"	151	1999	B
SCRIVEN, MATTHEW 13 BROOKHEAD AVENUE BEVERLY, MA 01915	6'2"	191	2000	L

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NAME & HOME ADDRESS	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	CLASS	POSITION
SHEEHAN, PATRICK 30 LISA LANE METHUEN, MA 01844	5'10"	190	1999	B
SHETTY, ASHISH 108 ROSEMONT DR NORTH ANDOVER, MA 01845	5'8"	162	2000	B
SMITH, BRIAN 88 CALLE ENSUENO MARATHON, FL 33050	5'7"	154	2000	B
SMITHWICK, JAMES 109 QUOGUE STREET PO BOX 1155 QUOGUE, NY 11959	6'2"	215	1999	B
THURBER, DAVIS 4 ELLIOT STREET NASHUA, NH 03060	5'10"	160	2000	B
WARD, SCOTT 11 LAUREL HOLLOW RD BOXFORD, MA 01921	6'	173	2001	B
WINSTON, BRAXTON 97 BROOKLYN AVENUE, APT 5L BROOKLYN, NY 11216	6'3"	177	2001	B,E

DATE OF CONTEST: Sept. 26, 1998

OPPONENT: Loomis-Chaffee

WHERE PLAYED: Loomis-Chaffee

RESULTS: Andover 29, Loomis-Chaffee 8

Andover had a shaky start, fumbling on its first play from scrimmage, though fortunately recovering the ball. After going three and out, Geoff Bough '99 got off a strong punt, and Loomis took possession. The Pelican offense also stalled, though, and the Blue took the punt in its own territory. Despite some bullish running by Sheehan and Smithwick, Loomis stopped the Blue from sustaining a long drive.

The Blue began the second quarter with a renewed fire, as Hordon led the Blue's first sustained drive into Loomis's territory. With long receptions by Bough and Jeremy Hersch '99, Hordon overpowered the Loomis secondary and paved the way for runs by Sheehan and Smithwick. Great blocking by the Blue's offensive line helped the backs in their drive for the touchdown. Sheehan then electrified Andover with the play of the game, a thirty-six yard touchdown run, breaking three tackles on his trip into the end zone.

After kicker John Dempsey '99 kicked the extra point, the Blue held a seven-point lead. A big kick-off and a strong defensive effort forced Loomis to punt, but here Andover ran into trouble. Loomis's defense stiffened, sacking Hordon and stuffing Sheehan and Smithwick on second and third down. With Bough punting from the end zone, Andover's line was overwhelmed, and Loomis blocked the punt for a safety and two points.

Loomis kicked off, and Hordon led the team on the last drive of the half. Smithwick burst through the line for eight and ten yard runs, and the offensive line kept Hordon well protected.

As the half slowly ground to an end, Hordon connected with Hersch on a laser pass for a 42-yard gain. With Hersch tackled just short of the goal line, the Blue had only a few seconds to punch the ball into the end zone. Electing to go for the touchdown, Andover sent Smithwick up the middle, but a staunch effort by Loomis's defensive line stopped him short. As the last seconds ticked off the scoreboard, Andover led, 7-2.

Coming out of the locker room with a newfound intensity, the Blue took to the field fired up for its first drive. Though Hordon overthrew Sheehan and Justin Blanch '00, the running game began to click, and the Blue drove straight down the field. Sheehan sprinted 6 yards for his second touchdown of the game. Hordon then pushed his way into the end zone for two points.

On the ensuing drive, Loomis finally began to get their offense in gear. After a few successful runs and a 30 yard completion, they drove to the Andover 10. The Andover defense then tightened, forcing Loomis to turn the ball over on downs. Upon receiving the ball, the Blue offense marched to midfield. Tight end Mark Ottariano '00 caught a 40-yard bomb from Hordon, and the Andover offense was on its way.

After a few running plays, Hordon ran the ball into the endzone from a yard out, with Dempsey converting the extra point.

The fourth quarter began inauspiciously, as Smithwick had a 50 yard run to the end zone brought back to the Loomis 25 on an illegal block in the back penalty. But the Andover offense, led by Smithwick and Sheehan, remained focused. Strong running by Sheehan and back-up quarterback Braxton Winston '01 brought the ball into the red zone, and Sheehan went twelve yards for his third touchdown of the day. Dempsey split the uprights for the extra point, and the Blue led 29-2.

Andover's scout team played most of the fourth quarter, with Blanch, Winston, and backs Lewis Brown '99 and Scott Ward '01 combining for 51 yards. Despite tough work by veterans Abe Delgado '00 and Ashish Shetty '00 on the defensive line, Loomis did manage to score its only touchdown of the day. Delgado broke through the Loomis line to block the point after attempt to preserve a 21 point victory.

DATE OF CONTEST: Oct. 3, 1998

OPPONENT: Hotchkiss

WHERE PLAYED: Andover

RESULTS: Andover 13, Hotchkiss 0

The day started well enough for Andover, as the first drive showed near-perfection in the offense. Quarterback Marc Hordon '00 completed his first pass of the day; the 15-yard catch made by Noah Kaye '99. Great run-blocking from the Blue's big offensive line opened large holes for backs Pat Sheehan '99 and Jimmy Smithwick '99. Sheehan burst through the line and went 34 yards on his fifth run of the game, setting up Smithwick for a 1-yard dive into the end zone. After John Dempsey '99 kicked the extra point, Andover took a seven point lead.

After that auspicious start, however, mistakes and missed opportunities plagued the Blue. Penalties began piling up, including late hits, facemasking penalties, and holding. The Andover offense that had looked amazing just a few minutes earlier now began to stall. In particular, numerous dropped passes and missed catches contributed to the offensive problems. Though Hordon went only 3 for 13 on the day, the numbers don't tell the whole story. Several teammates praised his throwing performance, and one estimated that of Hordon's ten incompletions, "five were dropped passes and three were tough but catchable." Nonetheless, a string of seven straight incompletions led Hotchkiss to focus more of its energy on stopping the run. The second and third quarters were marked by short drives by both sides.

Despite an offense that was going nowhere, Andover stayed in the game with a strong defensive effort. Led by post-graduate linebackers Drew Gallagher and Dave Dugan, the Blue recorded 34 tackles and three sacks. Dugan posted seven tackles, while Gallagher tacked on four tackles and a sack. Marc Hordon, showing equal skill on the defensive side of the ball, had a tackle and two sacks at defensive end. Hotchkiss relied heavily on their tailback, 200-pound Victor Sanders (Hotchkiss '99), but the Blue did a great job of preventing him from running outside. Pressure from Andover's defensive line made Hotchkiss' passing game similarly ineffective.

Finally, in the third quarter, the Blue put together another sustained drive. Hordon connected with tight end Mark Ottariano '00 on a 21-yard pass, and Sheehan and Smithwick kept the drive going. Sheehan capped it off with a 2-yard TD run. Though a high snap ruined the extra point attempt, Hotchkiss left the third quarter in a thirteen point hole, with no points of their own on the board.

Andover's tough defense and effective running wound down the clock in the fourth quarter. Braxton Winston '01 and Lewis Brown '99 added to the Blue's ground game, while tackle Matt Scriven '00 and safety Scott Ward '01 helped the defense to contain Hotchkiss' closing drives. Ward put in the last big play of the game, blocking a punt in the waning minutes of the game. The clock ticked down, and the Blue left the field with an ugly, but hard-fought victory.

Though the shutout was truly a team effort, several players stood out for their tough play. Sheehan gained 94 yards on 20 carries, and Hordon despite the high number of incompletions, performed very well. On defense, the line did an excellent job of containing Sanders. Linebackers Gallagher and Dugan led the way, combining for eleven tackles. Smithwick, Jeremy Hersch '99, John Costantino '99 (three tackles each) and Marc Hordon (two sacks) were also big contributors. And on special teams, Hersch deserved special accolades for his work on punt returns. On one memorable play, he was hit immediately after taking the punt, but spun twice to shed his tackler, then made it ten yards up the field before being leveled by multiple defenders.

Despite the lack of turnovers, it had been a mistake-filled performance for Coach Mo's boys, the kind they cannot survive against next week's opponent, Choate. Choate handed the Blue its only loss of the season last year, a narrow 18-14 defeat. Andover showed that it has the heart and determination to win, which coupled with the team's overall talent, should lead to a very successful season. Boasting a 2-0 record, Andover will try to add to its great start at Choate on Saturday.

DATE OF CONTEST: Oct. 10, 1998

OPPONENT: Choate

WHERE PLAYED: Choate

RESULTS: Andover 21, Choate 7

Both teams stumbled out of the gate initially, resulting in a scoreless first quarter. In spite of this, Andover set the tone quite early, as PG running-back Pat Sheehan gained twenty-one yards in his first three carriers, and full-back Jimmy Smithwick '99 burst through the line for a twenty-one yard gain on his second carry. Though both teams ended the quarter with zeros on the scoreboard, Andover's large offensive line was openning huge holes for the backs, and the tone had been set.

The second quarter continued much the same as the previous quarter, with running being the norm for both teams. Quarterback Marc Hordon '00 attempted a pair of short passes to Sheehan and tight end Geoff Bough '99, but both were incomplete.

Sheehan and Smithwick were again the focus of the offense, and the Blue finally got a sustained drive going, which Sheehan capped off by going seven yards for a touchdown. Kicker John Dempsey '99 made the extra point, and the Blue took the lead.

Protecting their lead, Andover's defense was just as physical as its offense, with PG linebackers Dave Dugan and Drew Gallagher leading the charge. Dugan led the team with seven tackles, while Gallagher chalked up two sacks. Cornerbacks Jeremy Hersch '99 and Bryan Bishop '99 also provided impressive support against the mob, each recording three tackles.

Though they took to the locker room with a 7-0 lead, the Blue knew they could do better. The defense took control of the second half early, forcing Choate's offense into reverse, then scoring itself. Punting from their own three yard line, Choate's blockers weren't able to stop Dugan, who drove the punter out of bounds in the end-zone for a safety. The defense shut out Choate for the third straight quarter, allowing a marginal ground game and no points.

Andover's offense took advantage, with Hordon completing an eight yard pass to Sheehan, and both backs continuing the march downfield. Smithwick scored the game's second touchdown, though the Blue was unfortunately stuffed while going for a two-point conversion. Even as the quarter wound down, Andover refused to let up, with Dugan adding a blocked punt to his list of accomplishments.

The fourth quarter was just more of the same. Abandoning any pretense of passing, the Blue continued with their relentless ground game. Sheehan scored on his last carry of the game, a two yard dive into the end zone. Dempsey missed the extra point, but it meant little in a 21-0 game.

Though Choate finally got themselves on the scoreboard with a late touchdown drive, Andover's defense kept the pressure on. Defensive tackle Dave "Big Daddy" MacMillan '99 scooped up a fumble as the scoreboard ticked down, and cornerback Hersch had a great diving interception on a long pass play.

Some of the Blue's less experienced players also got their chance in the fourth quarter, with Justin Blanch '00 getting a carry at tailback and defensive backs Scott Ward '01 and Bryan Saunders '99 recording two tackles apiece. When time ran out, the Blue left the field with an easy 21-7 victory.

DATE OF CONTEST: Oct. 17, 1998

OPPONENT: Kent

WHERE PLAYED: Andover

RESULTS: Andover 27, Kent 22

Andover kicked off to start the game and the swarming kick team handed Kent bad field position. Strong play by the defensive line shut down Kent's backs, and forced them to punt.

Quarterback Marc Hordon '00 led the Blue's offense on its first drive, throwing a 48 yard bomb to tight end Braxton Winston '01.

Bullish short runs by tailback Pat Sheehan '99 brought the offense close to the end zone, and captain fullback Jimmy Smithwick '99 went in to the end zone from a yard out for the game's first touchdown. John Dempsey '99 kicked the extra point, and Andover took an early lead, 7-0.

Kent quickly fought back, running for a first down and then burning the Blue's defense on a forty yard pass. A three yard touchdown pass followed, and Kent converted the extra point to tie the game. After Jeremy Hersch '99 gained a few yards on the kick return, Hordon scrambled out of the pocket for a first down. Unfortunately, a false start penalty and tough run defense from Kent set the Blue back. Wide receiver Bryan Bishop '99 had a great 14 yard reception, but it wasn't enough for the first down. Geoff Bough '99 pinned Kent deep with a powerful punt as the first quarter ended.

Led by PG linebackers Drew Gallagher and Dave Dugan, Andover quickly stuffed Kent, and Hersch took the short punt. A ten yard run by Justin Blanch '00 gave the Blue a first down. Hordon took the fresh set of downs and delivered. Though he missed a pass to tight end Mark Ottariano '00, he hit Sheehan out of the backfield for a thirty yard touchdown reception. The extra point sailed through the uprights, and Andover kicked the ball to Kent.

A great pitch to their fullback netted Kent a first down, but the defense held them there, and Hersch took their punt to the 35. After being overthrown on the first play from scrimmage, Sheehan made a 20 yard catch and run, cutting through the line and the safeties. Kent refused to fall however, sacking Hordon for an eight yard loss, and forcing a punt from Bough.

Working an option attack, Kent's running back took a pitch for a twenty yard gain. On the next play from scrimmage, they ran a halfback option, with the receiver catching a 15 yard reception. The play had nearly misfired, as two Blue defenders were moments away from sacking the quarterback. Andover almost took advantage on the next play as well when Kent's quarterback fumbled the ball, but managed to quickly recover it. Finally, the Blue found their luck .

Desperate to keep the drive going, Kent lined up four receivers on the right side. Their quarterback completed a short pass, but a vicious hit jarred the ball loose. Justin Blanch scooped up the fumble and sprinted down the sideline, blowing past defenders for a seventy yard touchdown. As Ashish Shetty '00 put it, "Blanch's touchdown electrified the fans and the team." Dempsey converted his third point attempt of the night, and the Blue had a commanding 21-7 lead.

Kent's kick returner took the ball to their 31, and they ran another of their effective pitches for a twelve yard gain. Andover co-captain J.P. Chisholm '99 delivered with a sack and Kent began to slow down. They completed a 15 yard pass, then grounded the ball, but the Blue held them as the half ended.

Kent kicked off to start the second half, and Andover's offense immediately went back to work. Jeremy Hersch made an acrobatic eleven yard catch, and Smithwick and Sheehan kept pounding the ball up the middle. Sheehan then made another outstanding play, taking a pitch from Hordon for a forty yard touchdown run. Weaving through defenders and bowling over those in his way, Sheehan was unstoppable, and no one was near him as he strode into the end zone. Unfortunately, Dempsey hooked the extra point wide left.

Given another chance to come back, Kent took advantage of the Blue Kent completed a pass for first down, then advanced further when linebacker Dave Dugan was called for pass interference. On the next play, Hersch deflected a pass and narrowly missed an interception. Kent kept their drive alive, however, and scored on a 2 yard pass. A short pass to their tight end gave them the two point conversion as well, and the score began to tighten. Fully back in the game, Kent recovered their own onside kick, and began driving down the field.

Corners Sheehan and Hersch kept up great pass coverage, and Dugan deflected a pass and narrowly missed an interception. Later, Hersch and the receiver he was covering collided near the sidelines, and both left the game Hersch joining Smithwick, who had hurt his shoulder earlier on the sideline. Kent kept their drive going, using short passes and runs to enter the red zone. Running a QB draw play from two yards out, Kent scored their third touchdown of the game, and converted the extra point.

Fear began to dull the chants from the Andover sideline, and with over two minutes left to play, there was a very real chance of Kent scoring again to win the game. Luckily for the Blue Hordon recovered the Kent's onside kick and took it to midfield. Sheehan ran down the clock, and then Bough punted for another touchback. Kent's last second heave fell incomplete, and the Blue escaped with the victory.

DATE OF CONTEST: Oct. 24, 1998

OPPONENT: Northfield - Mt. Hermon

WHERE PLAYED: Northfield - Mt. Hermon

RESULTS: Andover 21, Northfield - Mt. Hermon 7

Both teams had trouble getting in an offensive rhythm during the first quarter. PG tailback Pat Sheehan had injured his shoulder earlier in the week, so the team went with Justin Blanch '00 as the starter. Blanch did an admirable job right from the start, but despite rushing for fifteen yards on his second carry, the team couldn't capitalize. Quarterback Marc Hordon '00 made a pair of short passes to fullback Jimmy Smithwick '99 and tight end Braxton Winston '01, but the Blue couldn't continue a sustained drive.

NMH was likewise stymied by Andover's aggressive defense, with linebacker Drew Gallagher '99 contributing his usual vicious tackles. Both teams left the field after a quarter of play with no points on the board.

The Blue took to the field in the second quarter determined to take a lead into the locker room at halftime. Aided by an offensive line that dominated in the trenches, Blanch kept the Andover running game going, and timely blocks and short runs by Smithwick kept the offense on the move. Hordon gunned a twelve yard pass to receiver Jeremy Hersch '99 to bring the Blue into the red zone. Seeing receiver Bryan Bishop '99 in the end zone on the next play, Hordon hit him with a fourteen yard pass.

Despite being hammered by an alert defensive back, Bishop reeled in the ball and held onto it for the game's first touchdown. John Dempsey '99 kicked the extra point successfully, and the Andover defense defended the lead until halftime. An interception by defensive back Mark Ottariano '00 kept NMH from mounting a comeback as the half drew to an end.

Though fired up by its seven point lead and shutout defensive play, the Blue squad was unable to put the game out of reach in the third quarter. The absence of fullback Smithwick, who was hurt at the end of the first half, coupled with six straight incompletions by Hordon, kept the Blue far from the end zone. On the other side of the ball, Gallagher, Blanch and Hordon, playing defensive end, kept the pressure on NMH's quarterback, and the defense remained staunch, not allowing a sustained drive.

Due to its lack of success in the passing game, the Blue relied heavily on running the ball. Blanch and Hordon churned out yards on the ground behind the continued dominance of the offensive line.

In one third quarter stretch, Blanch gained twenty-six yards on three carries. The Blue drove steadily into enemy territory, and a score seemed imminent, but an unfortunate turnover saved the Hoggers. Hordon took the snap at the NMH five yard line, and attempted a quarterback sneak into the end zone. As he was stopped short, however, the ball hit a linebackers helmet and was jarred loose and an NMH lineman fell on it. They punted to get themselves out of trouble, and the Blue couldn't put together another drive.

An invigorated Andover lit up the scoreboard in the fourth quarter to put the game away for good. The Blue shut down the Hoggers' first drive of the quarter with an interception, then drove down the field to score. Hordon, avoiding a replay of his earlier fumble, ran the ball in from the seven for a touchdown, and Dempsey kicked the extra point successfully to give the Blue a 14-0 lead.

NMH, desperate to avoid being shutout, began throwing deep passes on their next drive. Defensive back Braxton Winston read a play perfectly and intercepted a short pass, then sprinted past the stunned Hoggers for a forty yard touchdown. Dempsey kicked his third point attempt of the night, and the Blue took a commanding 21-0 lead. Andover relaxed a little on the ensuing kick, and overcommitment on the left side resulted in a startling ninety yard return touchdown. The Blue tightened up, and ran out the clock to leave the field with a 21-7 victory.

DATE OF CONTEST: Oct. 31, 1998

OPPONENT: Deerfield

WHERE PLAYED: Andover

RESULTS: Deerfield 7, Andover 6

The game got off to an inauspicious start for Andover, as the team took the opening kick-off and promptly went three and out. Though they gained some short yardage on the ground, Deerfield's swarming linebackers quickly forced the Blue to punt. Deerfield took the ball deep in its own end, and a long, relentless drive seemed to be the only option.

After a short run on first down, Deerfield's quarterback dropped back in the pocket on the next play, scanning the field for his receivers. Though cornerback Jeremy Hersch '99 was in tight coverage on his man downfield, the quarterback gunned a beautiful ball downfield to the receiver, who took off and sprinted the remaining distance into the end zone.

Just like that, on a great play that shocked the large crowd of students, faculty, and parents, Deerfield had seized the lead. Deerfield successfully converted the extra point, and the Blue trailed by the score of 7-0. Andover's offensive troubles quickly became apparent again. Quarterback Marc Hordon '00 completed nice passes to tailback Pat Sheehan '99 and fullback Jimmy Smithwick '99, but Deerfield kept up intense pressure on the Blue's usually-dominant offensive line. Deerfield's front seven blitzed frequently, and Hordon was sacked for a five yard loss during Andover's second possession. Though they did a good job fighting their way up the middle, Sheehan and Smithwick were prevented from breaking open long runs, with Andover's longest run being a nine yarder on Sheehan's first carry. Penalties also began to ravage the Blue, as a nice twenty-six yard completion to tight end Braxton Winston '01 was called back for holding.

As the quarter expired, Andover had remained unable to score. In spite of its lack of offensive success, Andover kept itself in the game with tough defense. PG linebackers Dave Dugan and Drew Gallagher pummelled Deerfield's backs, and defensive linemen Marc Hordon and John Costantino '99 also put up strong efforts as run stoppers. Given another chance to score, the Blue's offense finally began to move. Sheehan and Smithwick bulled their way downfield completed a fourteen yard pass to Smithwick. As the Blue entered the red zone and momentum began to build, Deerfield picked up its defense, and kicker John Dempsey '99 stepped on the field to attempt a twenty-five yard field goal and put some points on the board. The snap and hold were good, but Dempsey's kick sailed wide left. He was hit late after the play though, and was forced to leave the game with a leg injury. Deerfield was rightly called for roughing the kicker, and Andover had a fresh set of downs. As often happens when teams are given such an opportunity, the Blue took advantage and scored, with Sheehan pushing his way in from three yards out for the score. Here, however, another stupid penalty hurt the Blue, and, in hindsight, may have cost them the game.

One of Andover's players got into a shoving match in the end zone with a Deerfield player, and the resulting unsportsmanlike conduct penalty pushed the extra point attempt back fifteen yards.

Coming in cold, punter Geoff Bough '99 tried a thirty-five yard extra point to tie the game, which was blocked. So the two teams took to the locker rooms at the half with Deerfield winning by the slimmest of margins. Deerfield kept up its strong defensive play in the second half.

Hordon was under intense pressure, and he lofted a pass over receiver Bryan Bishop '99 that was intercepted near midfield. Deerfield had an opportunity to almost put the game out of reach, but cornerback Jeremy Hersch came up big for the Blue. On the very next play, he picked off a short Deerfield pass at the Andover forty yard line to keep the Blue alive. The Blue was forced to punt, but recieved another opportunity to score. Bough punted to about the Deerfield forty, where its return man signaled for a fair catch. Surrounded by four Andover players, he fumbled, and Gallagher recovered the ball for the Blue. Yet despite this chance to take the lead in one of their biggest games of the season, the Blue went in reverse, as a sack and a holding call pushed them well outside field goal range. Bough's next punt pinned the Green deep on their own three, and Andover's defense held.

Deerfield pulled off a long punt though, as the ball rolled past Sheehan, in for an injured Hersch on punt returns, in the Andover end for a sixty-five yard punt. The running game kept the Blue going, and an exciting fourteen yard catch by Bough on third down kept the Blue drive going. But Hordon was under intense pressure, once sprinting the width of the field twice to avoid being sacked. He threw into coverage near the Deerfield thirty yard line, and the resulting interception effectively ended the game.

DATE OF CONTEST: Nov. 8, 1998

OPPONENT: New Hampton

WHERE PLAYED: New Hampton

RESULTS: Andover 22, New Hampton 7

The Blue's offensive line and backfield dominated the game from the beginning. On its first drive, the Andover offense managed a few first downs but was forced to punt. After the defense held and New Hampton punted, the Blue offense received the ball and began to march downfield. Behind the varied running attack featuring Sheehan, Gallagher, Justin Blanch '00 and Marc Hordon '00, the Blue pounded the ball across midfield and down to the the New Hampton thirty yard line. Then Gallagher, on his first carry of the game, busted through the line, broke several tackles, and ran thirty yards to put the blue up six. John Dempsey '99 converted the extra point to give Andover a seven-nothing lead. The Blue defense remained strong, keeping New Hampton off the board for the rest of the quarter.

In the second quarter, New Hampton finally broke through. Completing passes to a trio of receivers, the New Hampton quarterback led his team down the field. Andover's defense was unable to mount much of a pass rush, allowing New Hampton to work the ball into the red zone, where a twenty yard touchdown reception and extra point knotted the game at seven.

Neither team scored in the rest of the first half. Just before half-time, with New Hampton driving, the New Hampton quarter back dropped back to pass and threw towards a receiver. Defensive back Jeremy Hersch '99 leaped and deflected the pass, and just before the ball hit the ground, David Dugan '99 dove and caught the ball, ending the New Hampton threat.

To start the second half, New Hampton attempted to catch Andover off guard with an on-side kick. The kick was caught by Matt Scriven '00 who smartly downed the ball, giving Andover excellent field position. On the following drive, Andover's running game came through again. Behind excellent blocking from the line and backs, Andover drove to the New Hampton two yard line, where Hordon finally punched the ball into the end zone.

After such a long scoring drive, Andover was riding on momentum. After kicking off, the Blue defense foreed New Hampton to go three and out. The Andover offense, again utilizing the running game, marched deep into New Hampton territory only to have a field goal blocked. But rather than fall on the blocked kick, a New Hampton player tried to run it back, and while trying to cut back was tackled in the end-zone by Sheehan for a safety.

On the ensuing kick off, Andover promptly marched down the field for the third consecutive drive. Behind great blocking and long runs from Hordon and Blanch, Andover again drove inside New Hampton's red zone. This time New Hampton was unable to stop the Blue ground attack and Sheehan scored on a two yard touchdown run. New Hampton tried desperately to get its passing game back on track, but the Andover defense held firm, shutting down New Hampton's last ditch efforts.

DATE OF CONTEST: Nov. 14, 1998

OPPONENT: Exeter

WHERE PLAYED: Andover

RESULTS: Exeter 12, Andover 7

From the first play of the game, Exeter's team seemed far more capable and emotional than expected. After a long return brought them to midfield, Exeter unleashed a passing game that Andover had not been expecting. On their second play from scrimmage, Exeter quarterback Allie Skelly dropped back in the pocket and threw a long bomb to receiver Ryan Coleman, who outjumped cornerback Jeremy Hersch '99 for a forty-two yard gain. Though Hersch tackled Coleman and brought him down at the seven yard line, bruising running back Brian d'Entremont took the ball into the end zone moments later. Exeter missed the extra point, hut they had taken an early lead and momentarily quieted PA's share of the crowd of 1,400.

On the ensuing kickoff, Hersch gave Andover excellent field position, as he received the kick and sped past defenders for a sixty-nine yard return. Though he was taken down by Exeter's kicker, the Blue had excellent field position with less than thirty yards to go for a touchdown to tie the game. But four plays netted just two yards, and Exeter took the ball back. PA's leading rusher, Pat Sheehan '99, averaging 106 yards per game, was slowed hy a thigh injury, and fullback Jimmy Smithwick '99 was playing only defense because of a hurt ankle. In addition, Exeter ran a 6-2 defense, which Andover hadn't faced all year, effectively stuffing the run and daring Andover quarterback Marc Hordon '00 to pass against their weakened secondary, something he wasn't able to do.

Exeter took the hall back deep within their own territory, but began to piece together a drive. Their smaller line was winning the hattle in the trenches, and d'Entremont was making suhstantial gains both up the middle and off the tackles. As they were drawing deep within Andover territory, Sheehan, playing safety, made an interception at the Andover twenty-one to give the Blue another chance. The teams traded punts though, and it appeared Exeter would lead by six at the half.

But in the closing minutes, Exeter blocked a punt by Geoff Bough '99 and recovered it at the Andover eight yard line. Three plays later, a three yard play-action pass handed Exeter their second touchdown of the game. They went for two and failed, but Coach Mo's team still left the field at the half down hy twelve.

Andover returned to the field knowing they could come back from a mere two touchdown deficit, hut Exeter's defense was stifling. Coach Modeste had justifiahly given up on a running game that was going nowhere, but Andover's passing game couldn't advance either. Hordon overthrew his receivers frequently, especially on deep routs, hut he wasn't helped by several drops on good passes.

Though he found Justin Blanch '00 deep for a thirty yard gain, Andover couldn't sustain the drive. It didn't help that the referees (using the great new sound system) ruled an apparent incompletion to Blanch as an interception. The defense, however, kept Andover in the hallgame, as PG linebackers Drew Gallagher and Dave Dugan stuffed the run and kept the pressure on Exeter's Skelly.

As the fourth quarter began, the score remained at 12-0, and there seemed to be little hope on Andover's sidelines. With Exeter trying to run out the clock, the Blue was watching for the run. With 8:29 left in the game, Braxton Winston '01, in at defensive end for PA, read a pitch perfectly and dove in front of Exeter's quarterback, seized the ball out of the air and took off downfield. The home crowd exploded in cheers as Winston sprinted fifty-five yards and into the end zone. The touchdown electrified hoth the crowd and the team, and as John Dempsey '99 punched in the extra point, the game suddenly looked very winnahle.

It was not to be, however. Exeter's defense remained staunch, hut it appeared Andover had one last chance to steal a victory. Hordon had gotten Andover to Exeter's forty-eight with under a minute left, and one long pass would avert an upset.

But after throwing to Blanch in triple coverage and narrowly avoiding an interception, Hordon was picked off by Exeter's Ryan Coleman on a pass down the sidelines. The Griffins ran out the clock, and the juhilant Exies stormed the field to celebrate their 12-7 victory.

FINISHES WITH 6-2 RECORD

Strong Running Game Drives Blue Offense; PGs Lead Stingy Defense

by Gilman Barndollar
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover's football team entered the 1998 season looking to continue the success of the previous season, when quarterback Kyle O'Brien '98, aided by a strong rushing attack and a tough defense, led the Blue to a Class B Prep Bowl Championship. This year, with strong-armed quarterback Marc Hordon '00 and a postgraduate-laden offensive line, Coach Modeste's team aimed for a repeat trip to the Prep Bowl and a fourth straight win over archrival Exeter. Unfortunately, in spite of a respectable 6-2 finish, Andover fell short of both goals, barely missing the postseason as a result of a season-ending 12-7 loss to the Red.

The '98 season began auspiciously for the Blue, as they edged defending Class A Prep Champion Cushing in a home scrimmage just a week into the school year. Though the two teams only played a single quarter using regular rules, Andover took a 6-0 lead on a short run by co-captain Jimmy Smithwick '99, then held the lead with great play from the defensive line. Despite some early-season rust, Hordon was solid at quarterback. He overthrew his receivers on a few of his early passes, but later settled into a groove, gaining fifty yards on a scramble and then hitting wideout Geoff Bough '99 for a long catch-and-run that set up Smithwick's crucial touchdown. Even without PG linebacker and running back Pat Sheehan, the Blue looked sharp. As the game wound down, Andover's second-stringers also looked good, outplaying Cushing's reserves. The scrimmage served as a good measuring-point for an Andover squad regarding itself as one of the league's best.

The Blue opened its season with a trip down to Loomis-Chaffee, and emerged with a convincing three touchdown victory. In his first start for Andover, Hordon looked solid, completing 7 of 12 passes for 142 yards. Though the first quarter was scoreless, the Blue took an early seven point lead on a 36-yard touchdown run by PG tailback Pat Sheehan. Loomis battled back with a safety on a blocked punt, but Hordon kept the Blue in charge with a laser 42-yard pass to Jeremy Hersch '99. Though Hersch was tackled just short of the goal line as time expired in the half, the long gain had further deflated an already faltering Loomis defense.

In the second half, Andover's offense began to really click. The ground game, powered by Sheehan, fullback Smithwick, and running back Justin Blanch '00, drove down the field, with Sheehan going in six yards for a touchdown. After the Andover defense stopped a Loomis drive at the Andover 10 yard line, Hordon threw a 40-yard bomb to tight end Mark Ottariano '00, then ran in from a yard out for the third Andover touchdown of the game. Sheehan scored his third touchdown of the day in the fourth quarter to put the Blue up 29-2. Though Loomis scored a touchdown in the waning moments of the game, Abe Delgado '00 blocked the extra point to keep the final score at 29-8. Propelled by 238 rushing yards and a combined fifteen tackles from PG linebackers Drew Gallagher and Dave Dugan, Andover won a 21-7 rout. With the wet weather, both teams had trouble passing, so the Blue simply rammed the ball down Choate's throat. The Andover defense racked up four sacks, two from Gallagher, while keeping Choate out of the end zone until late in the fourth quarter. Neither team scored in the first quarter, but Andover's large offensive line was controlling the line of scrimmage, and both Sheehan and Smithwick ripped off long runs. Sheehan scored the Blue's only first half touchdown on a seven yard run. Choate went in reverse to start the second half, and linebacker Dave Dugan hit Choate's punter in the end zone for a safety. The Andover ground game, led by Sheehan and Smithwick, continued to march down the wet field, with Smithwick scoring the game's second touchdown. Dugan continued his superb play with a blocked punt, and Sheehan scored on a two yard run, his last carry of the game. Choate got on the scoreboard with a touchdown late in the fourth quarter, but it didn't make much difference. Tough defense and power running, led by Sheehan's 154 yards on 30 carries, helped propel the Blue to a third straight victory.

A week later, the Blue hosted Holderness under the lights, and in spite of numerous errors and penalties, pulled out a 13-0 shutout win. The offensive line dominated in the trenches, allowing Sheehan to rack up 94 rushing yards on 20 carries. The offense's first drive was outstanding, with Hordon throwing a 15-yard pass and Sheehan taking off on a 34 yard run. Smithwick dove into the end zone from a yard out, and John Dempsey '99 put the Blue up 7-0 with the extra point.

After a great beginning, however, Andover was bogged down by penalties, notably face-masking, late hits, and holding calls. Meanwhile, bad routerunning and dropped passes by the receivers plagued the Blue's passing game. Though Hordon finished the day a poor 3 for 13, at least five of his incompletions were due to drops by the receivers. Luckily, the defense kept Hotchkiss from evening the score. Hordon was particularly effective on the other side of the ball, recording a tackle and two sacks at defensive end. The Blue finally scored again in the third, when Sheehan capped a long drive with a 2-yard touchdown run. The defense kept up its solid work in the fourth quarter, and the Blue left the field with the shutout.

For its third game of the season, Andover traveled down to a rainy Choate, site of its only defeat in 1997. This year was different, as

The Big Blue returned home to face Kent, and, fired up by a large and enthusiastic home crowd, won a surprisngly easy contest, 27-22. Andover's offense, unlike in the Choate game, was very balanced, with 149 yards rushing and 157 passing. The Blue dominated early, leading 27-7 midway through the fourth quarter, then held on through a fierce Kent rally.

Hordon led off with a 48-yard pass to tight end Braxton Winston '01, then handed off to the backs. Smithwick scored the game's first touchdown, but Kent answered back, burning the Andover secondary with a 40-yard pass, then scoring on a 3-yard slant. Solid defense and booming punts from Geoff Bough held Kent, and Hordon gave Andover the lead for good with a 30-yard touchdown pass to Sheehan.

Kent began to catch fire, pitching to its running back for a twenty yard gain, then netting fifteen yards on a halfback option pass. Andover then got lucky, as a Blue defender knocked the ball loose from Kent's receiver after a short pass. Justin Blanch scooped up the fumble and sped down the sidelines for a 70-yard touchdown that electrified the fans. Kicker John Dempsey, having a solid day, split the uprights for his third extra point of the game.

After the defense stopped Kent, Sheehan took the handoff and juked his way forty yards to the end zone. Kent finally began to show some life, however, scoring on a long drive that culminated in a 25-yard touchdown pass. After Andover cornerback Jeremy Hersch was hurt in a collision, Kent scored its third touchdown of the day on a short QB draw. With just two minutes to play, Andover felt as though the game was slipping out of its grasp. Luckily, Hordon recovered Kent's onside kick, and the Blue ran down the clock to escape with the win.

The Kent game was a solid win against a good team. Hordon had his best game of the season, completing 7 of 11 passes for 157 yards, while Drew Gallagher shone for the defense, recording fifteen tackles.

The Blue's thrashing of Northfield-Mount Hermon, much like the earlier game against Choate, was unexpected. NMH, a team traditionally well-stocked with post-graduates, had usually more than held its own against Andover, and more of the same was expected. Key injuries and a weak passing game couldn't stop the Blue from rolling up 21 straight points and an easy 21-7 victory.

With Sheehan injured, Blanch started at tailback, and did an admirable job, gaining nearly 100 yards. Aided by solid lead-blocking from Smithwick, Blanch pushed Andover down the field, with Hordon completing a 14-yard TD strike to Bryan Bishop. A timely interception from safety Mark Ottariano kept NMH from mounting a first-half comeback. But, after Smithwick was hurt in the first half, the offense stalled, with Hordon throwing six straight incompletions. The Hoggers forced a fumble to stop a long Andover drive in the third quarter, but Andover again took control, with Hordon running in a touchdown from seven yards out.

Needing to throw deep to catch up, NMH was effectively knocked out of the game when defensive back Braxton Winston intercepted a long pass and ran it back forty yards for a touchdown. After Dempsey notched his third extra point of the day, the score was 21-0. Though NMH did score on a 90-yard kickoff return, Andover recovered and ran out the clock.

Hordon only completed a sub-par 5 of 15 passes in the win, but he aided the ground game with sixty yards rushing and contributed two sacks at defensive end. Bishop had 45 receiving yards and a touchdown. The defense was dominant as usual, pressuring NMH's quarterback with three sacks and four interceptions.

Going into its Parents' Weekend game with Deerfield, Andover felt nearly invincible riding a 5-0 record and a very good shot at a coveted Prep Bowl berth. But in an ugly defensive contest, penalties and mental mistakes ended the Blue's bid for an undefeated season.

After Andover went three and out on its opening drive, Deerfield made the play of the game, as a beautiful deep ball beat corner Jeremy Hersch for a touchdown. After converting the extra point, Deerfield held onto its lead well. Though Sheehan got nine yards on his first carry, it was all downhill from there. The backs were held in check by Deerfield's swift linebackers, and Hordon had a 26-yard pass called back for holding. Andover's defense held up though, aided by run-stoppers John Costantino '99 and captain J.P. Chisholm '99 on the defensive line. When the Blue got a drive going it was stopped short of a touchdown, and Dempsey's 25-yard field goal attempt sailed wide left. But Deerfield was called for roughing the kicker, and with a fresh set of downs, Sheehan scored what should have been a game-tying touchdown.

With Andover a point from tying, another dumb penalty cost the Blue the game. An unsportsmanlike conduct penalty in the end zone led to the extra point attempt being pushed back fifteen yards, and Geoff Bough, coming in for the injured Dempsey, had his kick blocked. Andover took to the locker room at the half trailing 7-6, a score that would hold up.

In spite of an interception and a special teams forced fumble, the Blue couldn't capitalize. With skilled return man Hersch injured, Deerfield pinned the Blue deep with punts, and a last-ditch drive by Hordon couldn't tie the score. Deerfield had played a great defensive game, holding Andover to under 150 yards rushing while sacking Hordon three times and forcing him into two interceptions.

Looking to bounce back from the Deerfield loss, the Blue confidently dismembered New Hampton to remain in the hunt for a Prep Bowl berth. Though bothered by New Hampton's strong passing game, the Blue rolled up a season-best 268 rushing yards en route to a 22-7 win.

Drew Gallagher stepped in at fullback, doing a great job blocking while scoring on a 30-yard run on his first carry of the game. New Hampton answered back with a 20-yard touchdown pass, and the teams were tied at the half thanks to a great leaping deflection by Herschi at cornerback.

After a strange onside kick attempt by New Hampton to start the half, the Blue drove down the field and scored on a short Hordon run. The Blue scored on its next drive as well. Dempsey had a field goal attempt blocked, and Sheehan tackled a New Hampton player who had picked up the ball in the end zone for a safety. Andover scored on its third straight drive as well, with a Sheehan touchdown providing the final margin of victory. All in all, it was an impressive showing after the devastating loss to Deerfield the week before.

Entering the final week of the regular season, Andover's prospects looked bright. With a win over a 3-4 Exeter squad, the 6-1 Big Blue would be returning to the Prep Bowl. Memories of last year's 35-0 blowout of Exeter were still fresh. But in the end it was the Red that left the field victorious, with Exeter pulling out a 12-7 win by shutting down Andover's vaunted offense.

On just the second snap of the game, Exeter quarterback Allie Skelly rifled a 42-yard passthat nearly put Exeter ahead. Though Hersch hit the receiver just shy of the goal line, Exeter back Brian d'Entremont rumbled into the end zone moments later. Though Exeter missed the extra point, the Red had momentarily quieted the home crowd of 1,400.

Hersch gave the Blue excellent field position for their first drive, returning the kick 69 yards. But with Sheehan and Smithwick feeling nagging injuries, Exeter's aggressive 6-2 defense stuffed the run effectively, and four plays netted just two yards and Andover punted.

The two teams remained stalemated for most of the second quarter, but Exeter turned in the backbreaker in the closing minutes of the half. After blocking a Bough punt at the Andover 8, Exeter scored on a short play action pass to lead 12-0. As Coach Lou Bernieri later put it, "That was the game."

Down by twelve points, Coach Modeste justifiably gave up on a running game that was going nowhere. But Andover couldn't get it done through the air either, as overthrows and dropped balls kept the offense stalling. Hordon completed a nice 30-yard pass to Blanch, but the Blue failed to take advantage.

Andover finally got on the scoreboard in the fourth quarter, thanks to a great play by defensive end Braxton Winston. Reading a pitch perfectly, Winston swept through the line and seized the ball out of the air, returning it 55-yards for the score. This potential momentum-changer just wasn't enough, however, as Exeter's defense held tough for the game's last eight minutes. After picking off Hordon's sideline throw with under a minute left, Exeter took a knee and ended three years of futility, taking the Blue's Prep Bowl dreams with them.

Despite missing the postseason at Exeter's hands, the 1998 season was far from a total loss. As co-Captain J.P. Chisholm said, "It was a very successful season, led by an incredible defense." Next year's squad, led by Captain Braxton Winston '01, aims for a return to the Prep Bowl and a win over Exeter. With a year of starts under his belt , Hordon is preparing to direct a wide-open Andover passing attack. And with eight PG's, half of them receivers, due next year, the Blue will be in prime position to take the Class A Prep Bowl.

SPORT: SOCCER - BOYS

YEAR: 1998-1999

CAPTAIN: Michael Pierog & Halsey Coughlin
HOME ADDRESS:

MANAGER: Zalika Guillory & Desirae Simmons
HOME ADDRESS:

COACH: Bill Scott
ASSISTANT COACHES: Kevin Cardozo

SEASON RECORD

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Soccer - BV
BABATUNDE, OLADAPO M.
BRADLEY, ALEXANDER L.
COOPER, CONOR G.
COUGHLIN, M. HALSEY (cc)
DARCI, SCOTT A.
GINSBERG, ALAN G.
GRAINGER, ROSS M.
GUILLORY, ZALIKA T. (M)
HAUGHOM, BRYAN D.
HAVENER, BRANDON S.
KANE, CHRISTOPHER M.
KENLY, JAMES B.
KERSKER, MATTHEW M.
MacINNIS, NICHOLAS G.
PIEROG, MICHAEL K. (cc)
PREMAN, KYLE I.
REYNOLDS, JUSTIN M.
~~SIMMONS, DESIRAE T. (M)~~
TAGGART, IAN H.
THAVASEELAN, SIMON
VALDESOLO, PIERCARLO
WANG, ZACHARY H.

Letter winners

BOYS SOCCER

			PA	OPP
Wed., Sept. 16	(H)	Noble & Greenough	no score reported	
Wed., Sept. 23	(H)	Brooks	1	0
Sat., Sept. 26	(A)	Loomis-Chaffee	1	1
Wed., Sept. 30	(H)	Holderness	3	0
Sat., Oct. 3	(H)	Tabor	2	2
Wed., Oct. 7	(A)	St. John's	0	1
Fri., Oct. 9	(A)	Babson	2	1
Wed., Oct. 14	(H)	Bridgeton Academy	5	1
Sat., Oct. 17	(A)	Choate	2	2
Wed., Oct. 21	(A)	Harvard	1	2
Sat., Oct. 24	(A)	N.M.H.	2	1
Wed., Oct. 28	(H)	Tufts	0	1
Sat., Oct. 31	(H)	Deerfield	2	0
Wed., Nov. 4	(A)	Moses Brown	3	0
Fri., Nov. 6	(H)	Cushing	5	0
Wed., Nov. 11	(A)	New Hampton	4	0
Sat., Nov. 14	(H)	Exeter	3	0
Wed., Nov. 18	(H)	Tournament Thayer	0	0

(Thayer won 4-3 in Penalty Kicks)

SQUAD STATISTICS

NAME & HOME ADDRESS	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	CLASS	POSITION
onor Cooper Reading, Massachusetts	6'1"	180	Senior (99)	Goal #0
mes Kenny Boxford, Massachusetts	5'11"	145	Lower (01)	Goal #1
ck MacInnis Andover, Massachusetts	5'9"	140	Senior (99)	Midfor #2
rian Haughom Eugene, Oregon	5'11"	155	Lower (01)	Midfield #3
Brandon Havener Ridgefield	6'2"	195	Senior (99)	Foward #4
[illegible] Pierog [illegible] New Hampshire	5'9"	155	Senior (99)	Back #5
achary Wang Concord, Massachusetts	5'8"	130	Upper (00)	Midfield #6
ris Kane Marblehead, Massachusetts	5'9"	145	Senior (99)	Midfield #7
ian Taggart Marblehead, Massachusetts	5'9"	140	Lower (01)	Midfield #8
apo Babatunde Peabody, Massachusetts	5'9"	145	Upper (00)	Midfield #9
rot Dare Marblehead, Massachusetts	5'8"	158	Lower (01)	Foward #10
Pier Carlo Valdesolo Andover, Massachusetts	5'9"	150	Senior (99)	Back #11
mon Thavaseelan Andover, Massachusetts	5'11"	150	Senior (99)	Back #12
Alan Ginsberg Andover, Massachusetts	5'7"	135	Upper (00)	Midfield #13

SQUAD STATISTICS

NAME & HOME ADDRESS	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	CLASS	POSITION
Halsey Coughlin Lincoln, Massachusetts	6'2"	195	Senior (94)	Back #16
Justin Reynolds Falmouth, Massachusetts	5'9"	150	Senior (99)	Forward #17
Ross Grainger North Andover, Massachusetts	5'10"	138	Junior (02)	Foward #13
Matt Kersker Beverly, Massachusetts	6'0"	165	Senior (99)	Midfield #20
Kyle Premin Marblehead, Massachusetts	6'0"	155	Junior (00)	Back #21
Alex Bradley Marblehead, Massachusetts	5'9"	140	Lower (01)	Midfield #24

The Tabor game that we tied 2-2

Matt Kersker adjusts well to his switch to center (#11) midfield position.

Scott Dallas outruns 2 sea monkeys by the sideline.
(01)

Nick MacInnis '99 pokes the ball away from an opponent in a recent Andover game.

L. Hoopes/*The Phillipia*

Bridgton Academy; we won 5-1.

Ian Taggart (Taggy) Steals the ball from an opponent

(01)

Boys' Soccer Off to a Good Start

Soccer Plays Well Beyond Its Years

Boys' Soccer Gears for Stretch Run

"Being a college team, they were bigger and stronger, but we were more skilled," commented goalkeeper Conor Cooper '99.

Nick MacInnis '99 and Scott Darci '01 made repeated forays deep into Tabor territory. Before long, their efforts resulted in a goal when MacInnis received the ball from central defender Simon Thavaseelan '99 and touched it to left back Mike Pierog '99, who drilled a knuckling, swerving, dipping shot past the mesmerized Tabor goalkeeper. Continuing the attack, the Blue soon found themselves ahead 2-0 after forward Justin Reynolds '99 carried the ball from the midfield and slipped it to MacInnis who juked a defender and put the ball past the goalkeeper.

"We're better than our record indicates," stated Valdesolo. Captain Pierog added, "It's not how you start, but how you finish." The team's next match is Friday at Babson College against their J. V. team and provides a good opportunity for the squad to reassess its level of play.

Andover's scoring chances were created by forward Nick MacInnis and hard crosses by outside defenders Mike Pierog and Halsey Coughlin '99. Late in the half, a St. John's forward drew an indirect free kick eight yards away from the goal. However, the defense, led by central defenders Piercarlo Valdesolo '99 and Simon Thavaseelan held firm, and midfielder Matt Kersker '99 succeeded in blocking the shot.

Some favorite words from the Soccer field.

ill	SICK	"To be P.C.ed"
		"Fire Marshall"
insane	"got slamed on."	
crazy	"We're just awesome."	
"That's cute."	"Sssh"	
"BLUE."	"That was evil."	
Chill		

FALLS TO THAYER IN NE TOURNEY

Strong Crop of Seniors Lead Team to Successful Season; Hopes High for Next Fall

by Alan Ginsberg and Dapo Babatunde
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITERS

Boys' Soccer

The season began early this year for the boys' varsity soccer team with a week at the Team Prep Camp in Casco, Maine. The week played host to the return of Coach Bill Scott, who spent his yearlong sabbatical at Stanford University coaching soccer and teaching math. The boys were glad to see him again, as with him came the long-awaited return of his trademark "flat back four" system of play.

After two early morning runs and four days of double sessions, the squad was cut down to twenty men, ready to take the field for the first time.

With 12 returning letter-winners, including eight starters, the team's expectations for the season were high. "The strength and leadership of the team lies in the back," said Nick MacInnis '99. Leading the defensive unit were goalkeeper James Kenly '01, co-captains Halsey Coughlin '99 and Mike Pierog '99 on the flanks, and returnees Piercarlo Valdesolo '99 and Simon Thavaseelan '99 patrolling the middle of the defense. Bolstering the midfield were the addition of post-graduate Matt Kersker, the emergence of Chris Kane '99 and Alex Bradley '01, the decision to move Oladapo Babatunde '00 from outside to center midfield, and the continued steady play of versatile Zac Wang '00. Up front, returning starters MacInnis and Scott Darci '01 looked to improve on last season's impressive efforts, supported by Justin Reynolds '99, post-graduate Brandon Havener, and Ross Grainger '02. Other newcomers to the team included new lower Bryan Haughom and former junior varsity players goalkeeper Conor Cooper '99, left back Kyle Preman '00, and midfielders Ian Taggart '01 and Alan Ginsberg '00.

In preparation for the team's first regular season match, against an always strong Loomis program, the Blue played three preseason contests. The first scrimmage saw Andover take on a Nobles team laden with 13 state-level players, including a former national team goalkeeper. Refusing to be intimidated, the Blue came through with a 1-0 victory. In the other two preseason contests, the boys defeated BB & N and Brooks, 1-0 and 2-0, respectively, demonstrating the stingy defense that would prove to be the team's strength throughout the season. These games served notice to anyone watching that the Big Blue would be a team to be reckoned with throughout the season. As Coach Scott commented, "I'm looking forward to the season. We're deep, deep, deep." Coughlin added, "A lot of guys are stepping up from last year. We have great potential to go far this season."

Prepared to finally start the regular season, the Blue traveled to Loomis to face one of the top three teams in the league. However, the boys were disappointed to learn that Havener had suffered a stress fracture in his back and would be forced to miss most, if not all, of the season. Adding to the team's disappointment, Andover fell behind 1-0 on a Loomis goal midway through the first half. However, late in the half, Kane launched a throw-in to an onrushing Babatunde, who headed the ball backward in a display of sheer will, MacInnis elevated over defenders half a foot taller than him to win the ball and head it into the corner of the net. Later, a diving save by Kenly of a Loomis beader preserved the tie and gave the Blue a good result on which to build for the rest of the season.

Maintaining the momentum they had gained against Loomis, the boys, in their first home game of the regular season, easily handled Holderness, 3-0. Then, however, the team hit perhaps its most trying stretch of the season, giving up a 2-0 halftime advantage in tying Tabor, 2-2, and losing 1-0 to St. John's after a throw-in careened off a St. John's player's back and into the net. The Blue recovered well, however, taking a rain-soaked 2-1 victory over the Babson College JV team on the strength of the team's strangest goal of the season, a Pierog free kick from midfield that bounced off Haughom's ankle twenty yards from the net and soared over the goalkeeper. "Someone was looking after us on that one," was the only explanation Pierog could offer. The squad then returned home to defeat a Bridgton team composed entirely of post-graduates, 5-1.

Next on Andover's schedule was an away game against Choate, one of the best teams in New England. The picturesque day provided the perfect setting for a game of this magnitude, and the Blue came out like a team with something to prove. Early in the game, Kane dribbled through the Choate defense, only to be taken down from behind before releasing a shot. Despite the no-call by the referee, Andover continued to pressure the Choate defense, winning a corner kick that Pierog bounced off the goalie's hand and into the net to open the scoring. After halftime, the boys came out determined to avoid the demoralizing goals that they had so often allowed at the beginning of the second half. They not only succeeded in doing so, but they scored one of their own when Thavaseelan rose high above the Choate defense to head in a Pierog corner kick. Later in the half, Reynolds cut past a Choate defender and lofted the ball over the goalie's head, only to see it bounce harmlessly off the post. After a Choate goal, Andover seemed to lose the poise with which it had played all day, and the game deteriorated into a direct, long ball style of play better suited to the home squad. Eventually, Choate was able to tie the score on a header off of a free kick. Then, minutes before the end of the game, Kenly dove to deflect another Choate header and preserve the tie. Despite the disappointment of giving up a two goal lead in the game's final half hour, Andover walked away from the contest confident in its ability to play with the best teams in New England.

After a lackluster 2-1 loss to Harvard, the Blue traveled to NMH to begin its quest for the Dunbar Cup, the championship trophy of a round-robin tournament among Andover, Exeter, NMH, and Deerfield. NMH set the tone for the game early when, as keeper Kenly attempted to snag a high, lofted ball in the box, on to the ball, energizing the entire Andover team. After a Wang goal, Andover suffered a debilitating loss when Kane cut his lip badly enough to require stitches. However, Wang's superior play in the center of the midfield and the entire defense's toughness in containing NMH's star forward, one of the best players in New England, kept the Blue in the game. Midway through the second half, Reynolds took a ball from Darci and slammed it over the keeper into the net for what proved to be the final goal of Andover's 2-1 triumph.

Returning home, the Blue took on its third and final college foe, Tufts. Despite injuries to Kane and Valdesolo, the boys played well, creating several golden scoring opportunities before losing 1-0 on the last goal the team would give up for the season.

Next was the boys' parents weekend match-up against Dunbar Cup rival Deerfield. Goals by Pierog, on a penalty kick, and MacInnis allowed the team to overcome the absence of Valdesolo and clinch the Dunbar Cup by winning 2-0. The game also marked the beginning of a six game, season-ending shutout streak for goalie Cooper and the rest of the Blue defense. Included in the streak were a three goal victory over Moses Brown, a five goal drubbing of Cushing spearheaded by two Darci goals, a four goal triumph over New Hampton, and the boys' final regular season game against Exeter.

Unfortunately for Exeter, the game was the first contest held during the day. Thus, before the Exeter fans even arrived, Andover had taken a two goal lead on goals by Wang and MacInnis. The Exeter fans grew even more dismayed when, soon after they arrived, the 6' 3" Havener returned from his back injury. Displaying his amazing leaping ability, Havener soared to reach a Pierog corner kick, but blasted his header off the crossbar. After a half-time melee incited by the Exeter fans, Pierog capped off the scoring with a thirty yard free kick that dipped into the lower right corner of the net. The 3-0 win left the Blue undefeated in league play, pleased the Andover fans, and, most importantly, gave the Blue momentum entering the post season tournament.

In their first-round game, the boys faced Thayer Academy. Dominating the game from the outset, Andover created many scoring chances, but was unable to score in regulation. However, superb play by the Blue defense and Cooper's sixth straight shutout held Thayer without a goal as well. After a scoreless overtime period also dominated by Andover, the game went to a shootout. There, despite goals by Pierog, Darci, and Valdesolo and two saves by Cooper, the Blue fell, 4-3, ending Andover's season.

Despite the disappointing loss to eventual champion Thayer, the boys had a lot to be proud of at the end of the season: an undefeated record in regular season league play, the Dunbar Cup, victories over perennial rivals NMH, Deerfield, and Exeter, and a berth in the New England tournament. At the postseason banquet, these accomplishments were recognized and awards were distributed. The Smoyer Award, given to the team's most valuable player, went to Valdesolo. Thavaseelan took home the most improved player honor, and Babatunde, Wang, and Darci were named captains for next year. In addition, The Boston Globe recognized Kane as its New England Prep Player of the Year. Captain Wang effectively summarized the season and expressed the thoughts of all the returning players in saying, "We had a lot of talent this year and it was disappointing that penalty kicks ended our season. Next year, we're looking for a significant contribution from both returning players who didn't get a lot of time this year and players

SPORT: SOCCER- GIRLS

YEAR: 1998-1999

CAPTAIN: Emily Tompkins
HOME ADDRESS:

MANAGER: Laura Fitzgerald, Natalie Otto
HOME ADDRESS:

COACH: Lisa Pimentel
ASSISTANT COACHES: Sarah Manekin

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BERNARD, ANNE W.
BUTLER, LOUISA C.
CAPUTO, CHARLENE M.
CONWAY, SARAH R.
COTE, SARAH W.
EAKIN, NATALIE F.
EAKIN, TENLEY E.
FITZGERALD, LAURA M.(M)
FITZPATRICK, HILLARY J.
HARMELING, ASHLEY A.
HAYES, MEGHAN R.
JAMES, CASSANDRA L.
KRAUSE, CAITLIN O.
LITT, MIRIAM L.
MILLER, LAUREN R.
MORRIS, M. WINDSOR
STRONG, MEREDITH A.
TOMPKINS, EMILY (C)
TURCO, MOLLY T.
WOODIN, HEATHER K.

Letter winners

Girl's Soccer

			PA	OPP
Sept. 19	(H)	Milton (scrimmage)	0	1
Sept. 23	(A)	St. Marks (scrimmage)	3	1
Sept. 26	(A)	Loomis-Chaffee	1	2
Oct. 1	(A)	Thayer	1	4
Oct. 3	(H)	Tabor	1	0
Oct. 7	(A)	B.B.&N.	0	2
Oct. 14	(A)	Holderness	7	1
Oct. 16	(H)	Tufts jv	7	0
Oct. 21	(H)	Harvard jv	1	0
Oct. 24	(A)	N.M.H.	3	1
Oct. 28	(A)	St. Paul's	2	1
Oct. 31	(H)	Deerfield	1	4
Nov. 4	(A)	Noble & Greenough	4	2
Nov. 7	(H)	K.U.A.	2	0
Nov. 11	(H)	Winsor	1	1
Nov. 14	(H)	Exeter	0	2

SQUAD STATISTICS

NAME & HOME ADDRESS	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	CLASS	POSITION
ne Bernard			upper	Goalie
llary Fitzpatrick			upper	defense
iriam Litt			upper	sweeper
ndsor Morris			senior	defense
eredith Strong			senior	defense
ren Miller			lower	midfield
nily Tompkins			senior	midfield
rah Cote			upper	midfield
shley Harmeling			upper	forward
assie James			upper	forward
arlene Caputo			senior	forward + defense
aitlin Krause			lower	forward
eghan Hayes			upper	midfield
omo Akade			upper	defense
Natalie Eakin			senior	defense

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enley Fatkin			junior	forward
eather Woodin			lower	midfield
olly Turco			upper	forward
ovisa Butler			junior	goalie

Girls' Soccer Falls to Loomis in First Contest of the Year

by Luke LeSaffre
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Loomis	**2**
Andover	**1**

GIRLS SOCCER

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PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

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9/26/98

Girls' Soccer Drop-Kicks Tabor, Rebounding from Thayer Loss

by Luke LeSaffre
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Thayer	4
Andover	1

Andover	1
Tabor	0

Last Thursday, the girls' varsity soccer team suffered a serious letdown when it lost to Thayer, 4-1, after controlling the field for most of the game. None of the players were available for comments after the game, as many shamefully hid in their dorms or homes in embarrassment. I received death threats from a few of the players this week, I won't mention names, telling me that any extensive reporting on the loss to Thayer would put my family and myself in grave danger. Sorry for the inconvenience.

On a more positive note, the girls rebounded from the devastation at Thayer to conquer Tabor, 1-0. In the words of Meghan Hayes '00, the team played a "dynamic game" and exhibited the skills and teamwork that got them into this fine academy in the first place." Through out the duration of the game, Andover dominated both sides of the ball, executing precise passing and shooting on offense while defensively holding Tabor scoreless. As the score reflects, the offense was not productive, scoring just one goal, and failing to convert many other legitimate opportunities. Nonetheless, the forwards and midfielders performed solidly in all other aspects of the game, just the finishing touch eluded them.

In the opening moments of the game, Andover scored almost instantly, putting the Blue ahead by a goal that proved to be the deciding factor. Heather Woodin '01 scored for the Blue, converting on a beautifully placed cross by Ashley Harmeling '00.

"I busted down the field and gave the ball to Ash," said Sara Cote '00 with a six-year-old's enthusiasm. "And I crossed it to Heather perfectly, " Harmeling chimed in.

Upset with her teammates for stealing the spotlight, Hillary Fitzpatrick '00 interruptcd, "Wait a sec, guys. I started this play." Hillary did in fact start the play by passing to her pal Sarah, who passed it to her friend Ashley and so on and so forth.

Throughout the rest of the game, the girls protected their one goal lead, and tried to get some insurance. John Hancock must have been closed that day, because the offense did not find the back of the net after Heather Woodin's goal, and the game remained close. Helping the winning cause was Charlene Caputo '99 at the right wing position. Charlene hustled for every loose ball on the field and showed a good example for the rest of her teammates. Charlene's strong play has made her this week's Player of the Week for girls' varsity soccer. Nice job Charlene!

The girls won this game without regular coach Lisa Pimentel, who was occupied with other matters. Replacing the beloved coach was Karen Kennedy, other wise known as "Coach K." Like a chemist, Coach K tried different combinations in the lineup, experimenting with players in positions they normally don't play. Emily Tompkins '99 flourished in her forward position, making the transition from midfielder, along with the many others that made a change too. In all, Coach K filled the void left by Ms. Pimentel, and guided her troops to victory.

Sidelined by an injured finger, Louisa Butler '02 once again provided her team with energetic cheers. According to Miriam Litt '00, there were many other factors in the game. "Yeah, the wind was a factor. But nothing like the wind in DC It's hot in DC," said Ms. Litt, a native of our nation's capitol. Audio-Visual extraordinare Sarah Conway documented the team's victory in superb manner from the sidelines, reluctantly releasing her filming secrets to the general public. Also, tonight, before you readers go to bed, please check your pockets for Molly Turco's '00 jewelry, which Ms. Turco misplaced.

Tune in next week to hear about the fierce battle with BB&N and the team's travels to Choate.

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Caitlin Krause leaves a Tabor defender flat footed

10/3/98

Girls' Soccer Falters against BB&N Squad

by Luke LeSaffre
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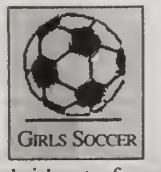
BB&N	**2**
Andover	**0**



In a game that many would like to forget, the girls' varsity soccer team faced BB&N last Wednesday. Traveling to Cambridge to face their opponents with expectations of a victory, the girls left the field shell shocked and defeated, after losing to an apparently weaker BB&N squad, 2-0. "We were psyched to win, but we couldn't pull it together out there," said Meghan Hayes '00 of her team's play. "We'll do better next time."

The first half of the contest was an even battle, with neither team having an apparent edge on its opponent. Anne Bernard performed with style and grace in the goal, thwarting all shots that came her way, and keeping the Blue in the hard fought game. Hillary Fitzpatrick '00 shadowed the star player for BB&N, a girl that was twice the size of Hillary, and neutralized her counterpart, an otherwise exceptional player.

The girls maintained their solid play throughout the half, challenging the opposition with aggressive defense. As the both teams headed off the field at halftime, the scored was knotted at zero goals apiece.

Looking to score in the second half, the girls came out hard from the starting gates, and persisted in their efforts to net a go-ahead goal. The offense launched shot after shot at the BB&N goalie, but failed to finish on the opportunities.

The goalie for the BB&N was in fact a standout field player replacing the injured net minder, and even with inexperience in the goal, the Blue could not put them ahead and score. At the other end of the field, the girls failed to defend an offensive attack from the opposition, and thus fell behind, 1-0.

On their heels for the remainder of the half, the girls realized BB&N was no joke, and their overconfidence proved costly. Shortly after the initial goal, BB&N notched another goal, this time off a corner kick.

A lack of coverage and communication within the penalty box allowed rushing attackers to easily avoid Andover's defenders, and create havoc for goalie Anne Bernard. Up a creek without a paddle, the team could not rebound from the deficit they faced, and ultimately lost a disappointing game.

"Unlucky," was what Winsor Morris '99 said when asked about the game. "They must have had rabbit's feet or horseshoes around their necks, because they had luck, and we didn't." Not everyone was entirely displeased with the loss. "Yeah, I got in at striker!" said Tenly Eakin '02 when asked about the game. The remainder of the team declined to comment and told me to make something up for my article.

Last Saturday, with uniforms on, Boomboxes and dance party music in hand, and a little extra excitement running through them, the girls varsity soccer team was ready to travel to Choate.

However, as the girls collected their belongings to board the bus, the team was informed that the game had been cancelled due to the torrential rain, and heartbroken and dismayed, the dejected team walked away from the bus, thinking of what could have been.

Others were not so acquiescent, and refused to waste away their Saturday inactively. Sarah Cote '00 in the "hyper" state that she was, defiantly ran through the downpours and made the best of her Saturday. The game with Choate has not been rescheduled, but the team expects to face their rivals in the New England Prep School Championship.

On Wednesday, the girls travel to far away Holderness, where they will face the Lady Bulls, or in this case, I guess it would be the Cows, hoping to bounce back and show the resilience needed to win big games. On Friday, the girls will try to avoid a stampede from the Jumbos of Tufts JV.

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Girls' Soccer Kicks into High Gear, Outscoring Foes 14-1

by Luke LeSaffre
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Andover	7
Holderness	1

Andover	7
Tufts JV	0

GIRLS SOCCER

One week after heartbreak and defeat at BB&N, the beloved girls' soccer team had a complete role reversal, going from the ones getting beaten, to those administering the beatings. This newly formed band of bullies utterly thrashed and bewildered their inferior opposition, defeating the helpless little girls they faced by a stupefying combined score of 14-1. Once a team that walked onto the field each game unsure if they were capable of triumph, these girls proved the critics wrong and proved to themselves that they, too, are winners.

Holderness

On a rainy, cold and wet day, the girls departed from classes early to travel to Holderness, where the Lady Bulls awaited their opponents, unaware of the massacre that lay ahead for the whole herd. Armed with cattle prods and branding irons, the girls from Andover set out to annihilate their counterparts, and that they did. From the moment the referee blew the initial whistle, the game belonged to the Blue. Relentlessly attacking the goal with acute precision and grace, the girls quickly jumped to the lead, a lead the team refused to relinquish. At both ends of the field, the entire squad turned in noteworthy performances, and while players like Winsor Morris '99 and Hillary Fitzpatrick '00 maintained the defensive composure, the offensive Machine, comprising of seemingly every player on the team, girls continued their winning ways when they faced the Jumbos of Tufts JV. Coming off such a strong victory, the girls once again came out strong from the starting gates and easily grasped control of the game. The overmatched Tufts troupe tried in vain to keep the game within reach, however, what appeared to be lack of enthusiasm and desire plagued the whole unit. After failing to finish scoring opportunities in previous contests, the girls took the opportunity to better their finishing, capitalizing on every well played cross and corner kick that came the offense's way. In one of the most awe inspiring goals I have witnessed, Molly Turco '00, placed a high, lofting ball perfectly over the goalie from the end line and into the opposite upper corner of the goal. Throughout the game, the Blue continued its sheer domination, and played what many of the players say was the two best halves of the season so far.

On the opposite side of the ball, wearing the light blue of Tufts was the familiar face of Meghan Burke, graduate of Phillips Academy and former member of the varsity team. Frustrated and upset over her team's embarrassing defeat to her former team, Ms. Burke declined to comment on the game. Although I was slightly disappointed, one can hardly blame her. At the end of the game, Andover had a whopping 7-0 victory in favor of Andover.

Hoping to receive a bit of a challenge, the girls square off against Harvard's JV, a perennially strong team, on Wednesday, and on this upcoming Saturday, the girls travel, along with every other athletic team in the entire school to NMH, where they face the Lady Hoggers and try to persist in their winning ways.

Athlete Of The Week

Ashley Harmeling '00

" [Ashley's] determination to consistantly attain her highest level of play inspires the rest of the team to put in that extra effort."
--Anne Bernard '00

by Kate Macmillan
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS ASSOCIATE

Anyone associated with the girls' varsity soccer team knows that Ashley Harmeling has a special presence on the field. While perhaps at first it might seem that this special presence comes from her incredible skill, or maybe her mind for the game, after a while one can see that the greatest asset Ashley brings with her to the field is what she gives to her teammates: a fiery drive to play better and a will to win. As three-year teammate and friend Anne Bernard puts it, "Ashley is an excellent team player. She always wants to do her best, and her determination to consistently attain her highest level of play inspires the rest of the team to put in that extra effort. She is one of our leading scorers, yet she is more modest than anyone I have ever played with before."

and extracurriculars that she had to leave these club teams to focus on her team at school. At this time she was attending the Pike School in Andover.

When the time came for Ashley to choose a high school, Andover seemed the most obvious and logical choice. In addition to the fact that her brother [Taylor Harmeling '98] went here, Ashley found the school's lovely campus and first-rate academics appealing. She also knew that she wanted to be a integral part of the team. Her drive to excel both on and off the field inspires everyone to step up their level of play. Although she consistently plays at a high level she is always working to improve."

As unbelievable as it may seem, Ashley's amazing athletic prowess extends far beyond the soccer field and the Fall season. Last winter, after having only picked up squash in her junior year, Ashley was selected to the small varsity squad. The following Spring, she played on the varsity lacrosse team. In her first season on the squad Ashley assumed the important role of offensive feeder and, not surprisingly, set the single-season record for asssists (twenty-four). Ashley now needs just ten more assists to become the team's all-time assist leader.

Although a long upper year and senior Fall lie between Ashley and the college applica-

10/21/98
10/24/98

Girls' Soccer Continues Upswing, Downing Harvard JV and NMH

by Luke LeSaffre
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Andover	**1**
Harvard JV	**0**

Andover	**3**
NMH	**1**

As its season progresses, the girls' varsity soccer team continues to mercilessly thrash opponents and prove the critics wrong about this once doubted group of girls. In recent weeks, this team has transformed itself from the early days of confusion and frustration, to a dominant powerhouse, devouring competition like home cooked meals. As we head into the final stretch, the girls are riding high on a four game winning streak, after two well played and exquisite triumphs over Harvard and the Lady Hoggers of NMH.

By no means did this triumph over Harvard come easy. This corps of the walking wounded had to make do with many pivotal and key players. Winsor Morris remains sidelined with a hip injury, and Meredith Strong rode the pine with an ailing foot injury. Without these two, Heather Woodin and Charlene Caputo were moved back from their normal offensive positions to replace the injured defenders, both of them meeting the task as if they had played defense from their days of birth. Lauren Miller, suffering from circulatory problems in the bone chilling cold, was unable to play, prompting Coach Lisa to once again shuffle the lineup.

the Eakinator, found her teammate, the Krausenator screaming for the ball at the eighteen. Satsifying her teammates demands, the Eakinator passed the ball off, and the Krausenator buried the ball in the back of the net, giving her team the win and a little something to talk about.

Goalie Annie B. performed superbly in net, making multiple diving saves on what would be goals. "Annie B. made some wicked good saves n'stuff. I don't know why Ash and Caitlin are getting all the credit. Annie B. ran the show back there," said the Turcarama, Molly Turco. Annie's performance was not flawless, however, as she let in one goal late in the game. "We let them have it. Actually, the goal was make believe. It didn't really happen," insisted Anne Bernard. At the sound of the little beep from the referees watch, the score board read, Andover 3, NMH 1. Add one more victory to the win column, folks.

again, only this time Ashley Harmeling scored on what many of her teammates called a "good" shot. At this point, the score stood at 3-0.

Harvard JV

)n a somewhat nippy October the girls' varsity soccer team d the difficult and seemingly cible Harvard JV team. Playing e ladies in red was Andover grad- ınd former star player on the girls was Heather Gotha, now a stu- ıt the prestgious Harvard Univer- Known for her dominance and ·ior skills, Gotha presented a at all areas of the field, and to ess this attacking force, Coach 'imentel called upon Hillary Fitz- k to shut down her former team- ınd friend on the defensive end. te a runny nose, a cough and sore , Hillary, affectionately called ger" by her teammates, remained to Gotha, going where ever her ıent went, and neutralized the one of the Harvard squad. Char- 'aputo, a regular forward, alter- with the under the weather Hil- sticking to Gotha like white on ıd continuing the team's domi- of this once belligerent and competitor at Andover. Without ıal member of the varsity team, rd could not generate any . But like their counterparts, ne team could not find the back ıet either. At the half, the score ed scoreless.

s seesaw type of play persisted to the waning minutes of the half, with neither team demon- a definitive edge on the other. ve minutes remaining and the es for a win running out, a mir- ne the girls way in the form of Krause and Tenley Eakin. ıg through Harvard's central , Tenley, otherwise known as

NMH

Along with every team this school has, the girls traveled to NMH last Saturday to face a hostile and rowdy group of Lady Hoggers. Prior to the game, the girls' opponents performed a pregame ritual that included a procession of cows, swine, and other farm animals the girls tend to as part of their soccer training. Once manure and hay was removed from the field and the initial whistle blew, the Caitlin Krause/Ashley Harmeling Show began. In the early minutes of the half, the Blue leapt into the lead with a glorious header goal executed by incumbent Athlete of the Week, Ashley Harmeling. With a dental floss thin lead, the girls outplayed the opposition and maintained their tenuous advantage throughout the half. Even with a decimated lineup and players playing out of their regular positions, the girls were able to fend off any attacks on their defense filled with numerous new faces.

In the second half, the Krausenator and Ashley Harmeling took the game within their hold and placed it in their pockets. This terrible twosome at the striker position wove through the opposing defense like seamstresses, and lit up the unsuspecting NMH goalie for two more goals in the second half. After a foul twenty five yards or so from the net, Ash lined up for the free kick and fired over the useless wall of defenders before her. Reading the ball like a book, the Krausenator streaked towards the net and converted on sloppy goal keeping, placing the rebound neatly into the corner of the goal. Not two minutes after the second goal, the tandem struck

10/31/98

Girls' Soccer Loses to Deerfield but Beats Moses Brown; Tournament Berth Possible

by Luke LeSaffre
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover	**2**
St. Paul's	**1**

Deerfield	**4**
Andover	**1**

After four strong consecutive victories over the past two weeks, the girls varsity soccer team continued its winning ways when the team traveled northward to New Hampshire to face the mighty St. Paul's team.

Fortunately for the Blue, Kaitlin Krause is on the team, for towards the end of the game, the Krausenator gave her team the go ahead, and ultimately game winning goal. Receiving a pass from none other than Ashley Harmeling, Krause planted the ball in the upper left hand corner of the goal, putting the Blue on top for good. In an all around solid team effort, the girls triumphed over the ladies from St. Paul's by the score of 2-1, maintaining their impressive five game win streak.

Deerfield

Last Saturday, the mothers and fathers of the girls varsity team witnessed first hand an event that hasn't happened to their daughters in what seems like decades: a loss. In one of the more feeble showings of the season, the girls were blown off the field by a stronger Deerfield squad, and sent home with a disappointing loss.

From the start, Deerfield seized control of the game, scoring two quick goals on the Blue, leaving the team flat footed and wondering what was going on. Up a creek without a paddle, the girls were forced to claw their way back into the picture and try to rally. However, Deerfield was relentless in their attacks on goal, and at one point in the game, held a three-nil lead.

Towards the end of the game, the girls were resuscitated and quickly stepped up their play, making valiant efforts to capture the lead. Charlene Caputo, off of a shot from Cassie James, netted the team's lone goal, which started the team on the comeback trail. However, the girls came with too little too late, and Deerfield rapidly suppressed any chance for the girls with a late goal. With the score at 4-1, the girls faced an uphill battle they would eventually succumb to, losing by three goals. In the second half, the girls showed they possess the ability to beat their opponents from Deerfield, but unfortunately, they did not play with such intensity for the entire game. "Yeah, if the game was an hour longer or so, we would have won," commented Heather Woodin. "We should have won. The games are too short."

St. Paul's

With a rejuvenated and replenished lineup that featured Lauren Miller and Meredith Strong, both making dramatic recoveries from season threatening injuries, the girls took the field confident in their ability to play the game of soccer, confident that they would win. Right from the get-go, the girls dominated the overmatched St. Paul's squad, and passed around defenders as if they were large chunks of Swiss cheese.

The pass-happy midfielders and forwards attacked the net early and often, each member of the team communicating like phone operators with one another to make acute cuts and lead balls to the net. Midway through the first half, the Blue jumped to the early lead on a penalty kick by goal scoring extraordinaire Ashley Harmeling. Cassie James was blatantly fouled within the penalty box by an opposing player, and the team called upon The Goal Machine to finish the business. Like Zinedine Zidane, Ashley netted the almost too easy shot and increased her goal total for the season.

Towards the end of the half, St. Paul's made some large scale substitutions, and as a result, the girls were discombobulated and confused as to who they were to mark on defense. St. Paul's capitalized on the team's defensive letdown, scoring easily on a man advantage rush to the net. At the half, the girls walked off the field stunned by St. Paul's resilience,yet determined to regain the lead.

The second half was the same old story for the Blue:great passing and shooting, just no goals to show for the efforts. Andover took a handful of shots that should have gone in,but did not. Sailing attempts left, right, and over the crossbar.

10/23/98

Girls' Soccer Tops Nobles, Shuts Out KUA; Tournament Berth Remains a Possibility

by Luke LeSaffre
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover	4
Nobles	2

Andover	2
KUA	0

GIRLS SOCCER

With only two games left in the season and a spot in the tournament on the line, the girls varsity soccer team heads into the final stretch of the season with momentum and confidence, riding a two game win streak that follows a difficult loss. Playing Nobles and Kimball Union last week, the girls looked to build up steam for the critical remaining games and shrug off the devastating 4-1 tragedy against division rivals Deerfield.

After the humiliation and devastation against Deerfield on Parents Weekend, the girls left for Nobles Greenough with intensity. Confident in themselves, the girls had only one thought on their minds: win.

Within the first minute, Nobles exploited a frazzled Blue defense on a corner kick, taking advantage of the narrow field with a nice cross which led to a goal. Thunderstruck and startled by the early score, the team maintained ultimately the game. Making the trip with the team was faithful fan Austin Arensberg, whose zeal and enthusiasm on the sidelines propelled his favorite team to victory. "Well, I was in the crowd, and I liked what I saw. It's awesome that they won," commented Mr. Arensberg.

With the terror of Deerfield excreted from their minds, the girls once again held their heads high in pride, confident and sure of themselves. Kimball Union Academy, a highly touted squad, traveled to our neck of the woods for Saturday's game that featured a defensive chokehold by the Blue on their inferior opposition. In the early minutes of the match, Ashley Harmeling scored off a well played cross from the Krausenator, Caitlin Krause. Later in the game, Heather Woodin added to her team's advantage with a goal of her own. Receiving a perfect pass from Captain Emily Tompkins, Woodin performed the necessary duties involved in goal scoring, giving her team a 2-0 lead they would hold throughout the game.

As you probably know, the girls will face Exeter this Saturday at 12:30 in their final regular season match. Unlike the rest of our teams, which will undoubtedly whale on opposing Exeter teams, the girls face a more difficult route to victory. This year's Exeter team is uncharacteristically strong, and defeated Tabor by the score of 6-0, a team Andover beat 1-0. The Associated Press has reported, however, that, using bribery and incessant convincing, Exeter stole three Andover bound soccer recruits in hopes of strengthening an apparently horrible squad. To find out for sure who will prevail in this athletic contest, be sure to stop by Saturday at the girl's game...See ya there.

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Ashley Harmeling '00 beats a defender.

by Luke LeSaffre
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Exeter	**2**
Andover	**0**

GIRLS SOCCER

At the pep rally the night before Andover-Exeter day, the girls' varsity soccer team provided everyone with a little extra pep and enthusiasm with a creative, energetic and teeny bopping rendition of the pop icon Backstreet Boys hit "Get Down." Unlike the rest of the awkward, unoriginal, painfully boring and listless skits, the girls amazed the crowd with a well choreographed and synchronized lip sync of this sorry excuse for a song. Cassie James, Vice President of the Backstreet Boys Fan Club, the BBFC, accurately devised the choreography for the team based on her expansive knowledge of her favorite pop artists.

Except for Meghan Hayes's tumble coming onto the floor that attracted quite a bit of attention, the girls eased themselves into the dance and became one with the music. With pin point synchronization, the entire squad performed a nifty hop-step routine at the chorus while belting out the lines in unison. During an interlude in the song, juniors Tenley Eakin and Louisa Butler, coerced by the seniors, seduced nearby unsuspecting members of the crowd with provocative dance routines and sensual, slightly rude, gestures. At the conclusion of the song, the girls left the crowd roaring with pleasure, wondering why everybody else's skit could not have been the same way.

When Exeter came to town last Saturday, the girls had much more than the oldest secondary school rivalry on the line; their credibility and respect, as well as their season and a tournament berth. This years victory this year would not come easily, as the Exeter squad boasted many recruits and returning players. However, the girls were determined to prevent a let down and vowed to make everyone proud, even Gunga.

With their tank tops on and their bodies caked in blue paint, the hardcore fans of girls soccer who shunned the temptations of watching the embarrassment on the football field anxiously waited for the sound of the referees whistle.

Like the hundreds at the football game, the handful of people braving the cold would be disappointed. Exeter was here to play, and according to the Andover girls, we just were not. "We didn't play the way we were supposed to. We could have done so much better than we did," said Hillary Fitzpatrick after the 2-0 defeat. Throughout the game, the girls struggled to gel and play as a cohesive unit, and thus suffered the consequences of their lapses in defending and missed opportunities on the offense.

In the initial twenty minutes of the match, with neither team exhibiting a definitive edge over the other, Exeter broke the ice with a strong surge down an exposed left flank of the defense, netting a goal past Anne Bernard. The girls had their work cut out for them, as they faced the task of equalizing the score against a stingy and seemingly impenetrable defense.

The Goal Machine, Ashley Harmeling and her side kick, the Krausenator (Caitlin Krause) were neutralized by the burly, man-like defenders on Exeter, and tried in vain to catalyze offensive attacks. "It was like we were a car stuck in the snow. We had the energy to get the wheels spinning, but the car just wasn't gonna go anywhere," said Krause, whose analogy sums up perfectly the afternoon for the Blue.

The girls refused succumb to the opposition, and persisted on the comeback trail. However, it just was not meant to be. In a similar scenario to the first goal, Exeter once again penetrated the side of the defense, and placed a ball past Annie B., whose efforts and attempts were useless against the Zidane-style shot. With the score 2-0 in the waning minutes of the match up, the girls could only bow their heads and hope that no one dared to come down to the track and view their stunning loss to the Exies.

The loss to Exeter no only resulted in school wide rejection and humiliation, but it denied the team a post season berth. Needless to say, the girls should hold their heads high after the season they had.

With a not too shabby record of 8-5-1, the girls had an excellent and positive season, during which they had strong victories over NMH, Choate, Tabor, Holderness, and Tufts, and shrugged off defeats to Deerfield and BB&N. "Despite the loss to Exeter and not making the tournament, I think we had a great season, and I'm really proud of the way we played throughout it," commented captian Emily Tompkins, a definitive leader on the team. well-choreographedpinpointconclusion ofthe crowd roaring with pleasure and-sidekickoncematchcaptain

Next season, look for an improved girls' varsity soccer team. Although the seniors will be greatly missed, rising Uppers like Hillary Fitzpatrick, Anne Bernard, Molly Turco, Sarah Cote, Ashley Harmeling, and many others are ready to fill the void left by the solid bunch of departing seniors. To the girls on the team, thanks.

L. Hoopes / *The Phillipian*

Meridith Strong '99 boots the ball to the offensive line.

SPORT: Volleyball - Girls

YEAR: 1998-1999

CAPTAIN: Yuko Chitani, Andrea Campbell
HOME ADDRESS:

MANAGER: Cynthia Isoh & Colin Penley
HOME ADDRESS:

COACH: Clyfe Beckwith
ASSISTANT COACHES: Marlys Edwards

SEASON RECORD

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Volleyball - GV

Letter Winners

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CHITANI, YUKO (CC)
FERRANDO, CECILE A.
FRITSCH, LAUREN E.
MISTRETTA, LAURA H.
OKIKE, CHRISTINE A.
PAPANEK, JULIE A.
PENLEY, COLIN M. (M)
SALVA, NICOLE D.
SCHELLENBERG, KATHRYN E.
WANG, EILEEN
YEE, CYNTHIA A.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

			PA	OPP
Wed.; Sept. 16	(H)	St. Paul's (scrimmage)	no score	
Sat., Sept. 19	(H)	Gr. Law. Technical High	3	1
Wed., Sept. 23	(H)	St. Paul's	3	2
Sat., Sept. 26	(A)	Loomis-Chaffee	3	0
Wed., Sept. 30	(H)	Chelmsford	Canceled	
Sat., Oct. 3	(H)	Dracut (scrimmage)	1	3
Wed., Oct. 7	(H)	North Reading High School	2	3
Sat., Oct. 10	(A)	Choate	3	2
Wed., Oct. 14	(H)	Cushing	3	0
Sat., Oct. 17	(H)	Our Lady of Naz. Wakefield	3	0
Wed., Oct. 21	(A)	Exeter	2	3
Sat., Oct. 24	(A)	N.M.H.	3	0
Wed., Oct. 28	(A)	Cushing	3	1
Sat., Oct. 31	(H)	Deerfield	3	0
Wed., Nov. 4	(A)	St. Paul's	1	3
Sat., Nov. 7	(H)	N.M.H.	3	0
Wed., Nov. 11	(H)	Worcester	3	0
Sat., Nov. 14	(H)	Exeter	3	0
Wed., Nov. 18	(A)	Tournament @ Exeter	2	3

SQUAD STATISTICS

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Girls Volleyball '98

DATE OF CONTEST: Saturday September 12 1998

OPPONENT: Greater Lawrence Technical

WHERE PLAYED: Phillips Academy

RESULTS: Andover wins (3-1)

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Andover 15 Greater Lawrence Tech 10
Andover 14 Greater Lawrence Tech 16
Andover 16 Greater Lawrence Tech 14

Andover is the winner!

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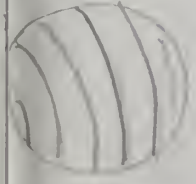

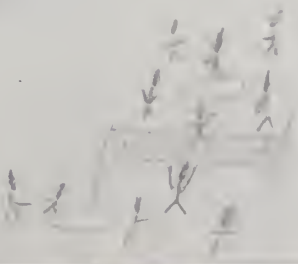

Andover Rules!

DATE OF CONTEST: Wednesday 9/25/99

OPPONENT: St. Pauls

WHERE PLAYED: Andover (Pr [illegible])

RESULTS: Andover (5-2)

Andover 14 St. Pauls 16

Andover 15 St Pauls 15

Starting off Well for the Girls' Volleyball Team

Phillips Academy's girls' volleyball team has started off its year with two wins. On Saturday, they defeated Lawrence Vocational High School, and on Wednesday, they also came out victorious in a thrilling match. In the last game of Wednesday's meeting, the girls pulled off a hard-fought win when they rallied for an 18-16 victory. With such a promising beginning to the season, players, coaches, and fans alike have become excited about the volleyball team's prospects for success this year. At left, team member Nikki Salva '00 sets up a shot with her back to the net. She is certainly among the girls who have led the team to its early success. Look for the volleyball squad to continue its winning ways as the season progresses.

DATE OF CONTEST: 9/24/98

OPPONENT: Loomis Chafee

WHERE PLAYED: Loomis

RESULTS: PA wins (3-0)

Andover 15 Loomis 1
Andover 15 Loomis 5
Andover 15 Loomis 3

Volleyball Shuts Out Loomis

By Lily Greenfield-Sanders & Liza Trafton
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITERS

Andover	**3**
Loomis	**0**

VOLLEYBALL

The volleyball team had a stellar match against Loomis-Chafee on Saturday with an easy 3-0 win. This year's team is looking strong, led by co-captains Yuko Chitani and Andrea Campbell.

With many returning players and an unprecedented number of four setters, the girls are expecting intense practices andstrong support from new coach Clyfe Beckwith. Previous head coach, Kathy Hendersen, is taking her sabattical this year, but the familiar face of assistant coach Marlys Edwards is helping to keep continuity from the past varsity squads.

The match began with an incredible performance from middle hitter Katie Schellenberg '00, who dominated her opponents by serving 14 points in a row. Her teammates were blown away by her consisteney and incredible placement of the ball, which contributed to the win. Exeellent serving proved to be a theme of the Andiver game, as setter Julie Papenek came up with eight points in the next set.

Coach Beckwith saw the momentum and fierceness of the starting players and kept them in the entire match. Captain Yuko Chitani '99, as always, impressed the team with her powerful serves and leadership. Starting setters Julie Papernek '01 and ex-hitter Nikki Salva '00 did a great job getting the ball to powerful hitters Diana Calderon '99 and Andrea Campbell '99, who killed the points with their accuracy and power. New addition to the team, Lauren Fitch '99, started in Saturday's game and exhibited her talent and potential.

Andover won its first match of the season, last week, against a tough St. Paul's team. The Blue pulled out the win in five intense games, the last of which ended in an 18-16 rally-scoring victory for the Blue. The girls were excited about this win, as St. Paul's proves to be one of the strongest teams they play all season.

This Saturday at home, the team takes on Dracut High, who will undoubtedly be one of Blue's most formidable opponents this year.

Dracut is known for its intense college-level plays and drive that would be a sure challenge for any team. All of the women saw great hitting improvement over the summer, making them confident for the upcoming season.

DATE OF CONTEST: 10/3/98

OPPONENT: Dracut

WHERE PLAYED: Andover

RESULTS: Dracut Wins (3-1)

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What We Look Up To Now

DATE OF CONTEST: 10/7/98

OPPONENT: North Reading

WHERE PLAYED: Andover

RESULTS: North Reading Wins (3-2)

Girls' Volleyball Hits .

DATE OF CONTEST: 10/10/98

OPPONENT: Choate Rosemary Hall

WHERE PLAYED: Choate

RESULTS: Choate Wins

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TEAM SPIRIT

PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Choate	**3**
Andover	**0**
Andover	**3**
Cushing	**0**

Rebounding from last Saturday's frustrating loss to Choate, the girls' volleyball team clinched an impressive 3-0 win on Wednesday against Cushing. The girls were off to a great start this season with only a couple disappointing losses to local high schools during scrimmages. But their progress has been thwarted by a serious lack of team unity and communication on and off the court.

Choate

The girls' shut out loss to Choate was a disaster from the start. Within the first five minutes, two starting players were removed from the game because of numerous misfired hits and errors. The remaining players were Yuko Chitani '99, Julie Papernak '01, Lauren Fitch '99, Katie Schellenberg '01, and Andrea Campbell '99 who put up a vain fight against their strong opponents from Choate. Eillen Wang '99 entered shortly after and played well. The girls look back at the game with a new knowledge of their need to come together as a team and not blame individuals for bad plays. This week, the team has been working less on game skills, and more on team support.

DATE OF CONTEST: October 14, 1998

OPPONENT: Cushing

WHERE PLAYED: Home (Andover)

RESULTS: Andover Wins (2-0)

Cushing

On a more positive note, the women trampled ushing in three games with scores 15-2, 15-9, d 15-6. The starting team came out strong with curate hitting from Chitani, Campbell, Wang, d Fitch supported by elean setting from lowers pernak, and Cecille. With Schellenberg sub- ng into the front row, the team immediately acked Cushing and won the first game easily. he team was especially impressed with the rves of Chitani and the hustle from both setters ho seemed really on top of their games.

The third game was one of the most exciting hen the players were switched around and team- embers were given their first opportunities to ay in a match. Laura Mistretta '00 had a great me along with Christine Okike '01 and Cindy ee '01. Eilleen Wang, after Cushing started off th a shocking 6-0 lead, served 13 points in a w that exhibited the team's strength on the line.

The lesser Cushing team was left hitting ostly free balls over the net to which the ndover girls got important practice on combina- n plays and communication. Katie Schellen- rg is convinced "that this win is going to ange the momentum of the team. We had a lot smart play and chemistry on the court."

Despite this reassuring win, Andover volley- ll has a long way to go before it will regain its nfidence and presence in the league. The girls ok forward to playing Choate again later on in e season when they can redeem themselves om an embarrassing loss. With their plenitude skill and individual determination, only the rls attitudes and inter-teammate quarrels can and in their way this season.

L. Hoopes/*The Phillipian*

Captain Andrea Campbell '99, above, played an instrumental role in Andover's 3-0 victory over Cushing.

DATE OF CONTEST: October 17, 1998

OPPONENT: Our Lady of Nazareth

WHERE PLAYED: Home

Volleyball Shuts Out Nazareth, Loses Heartbreaker to Exeter

by Lauren Fritch
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

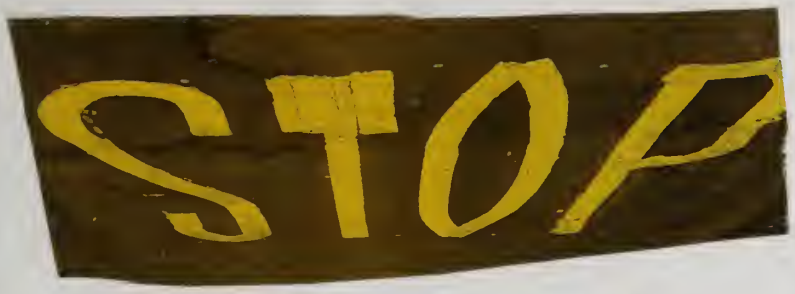
Andover	**3**
Nazareth	**0**
Exeter	**3**
Andover	**2**

The varsity girls' volleyball team came out strong last Saturday against Our Lady of Nazareth, proving that they have what it takes to be a chamipionship team. Rolling over the opposition in three quick games, the team showed impressive skills.

Eileen Wang helped the team rebound from a substantial point deficit in the first game by hitting 14 straight serves. The dynamic play of all the team members on the court reminded everyone why Andover is 'The Comeback Team.' The intensity of the first game carried over into the second and third, with Andover easily clenching the win. The most spectacular aspect of the entire match was the quality of play delivered by each and every setter. Cecile Fernando, Julie Papeneck, Niki Salva, and Laura Mistretta directed each game by placing perfect sets and by serving as playmakers on the court. The game against Nazareth, an encouraging win, also saw PA volleyball bring their level of play up one more notch.

Psyched to play their archrival, Exeter, the PA volleyball team looked forward to a tough and spirited match. They got both, but unfortunately did not come away as the victors. Taking the first game 16-14, Andover could taste victory in just two more games. That was not to be, however, as Andover dropped two of the next three games. The play was excellent at times, with Captain Andrea Campbell slamming middle hits down Exeter's throat. Katie Schellenberg also stepped in as setter occaisonally, showing the diversity of the team. Faced with a fifth game using rally scoring, Andover came out a bit tentative, which showed in Exeter's early lead. Questionable calls by the officials also took away the players' focus from the game. Andover fought to make up the point difference and came back with a lead at 13. However, nerves got the best of the team, and Exeter closed out game five with a score of 15-13. Despite the loss, the team has shown great improvement.

The girls are happy with their performance on Wednesday and embellish the challenge of playing Exeter again in a few weeks.



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OPPONENT:

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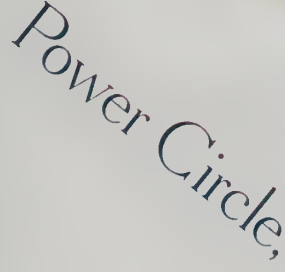

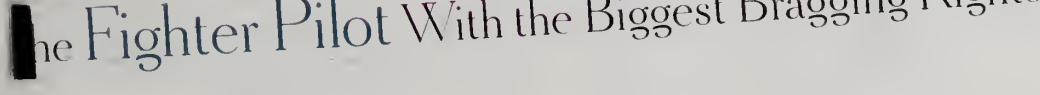

DATE OF CONTEST: 10/24/01

OPPONENT: NMH

WHERE PLAYED: Home

RESULTS: NMH won - NMH 3 - Andover 0

Status

by Lily Greenfield-Sanders
& Liza Trafton
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITERS

NMH	**3**
Andover	**0**
Andover	**3**
Cushing	**1**

VOLLEYBALL

The girls' volleyball team lost a frustrating, close contest with Northfield Mount Hermon last Saturday, but bounced back on Wednesday with a commanding 3-1 win against Cushing school.

NMH

Perhaps the bad luck of the girls' volleyball team was a result of the two hour trek out to Northfield Mount Hermon. The games were close and intense but each ended with disappointing loses. The players felt distracted throughout all three games. However, despite this discouraging outcome, the women look back on the games as well played, but not a true indication of their capabilities on the court. Lauren Fritch '99 commented "we placed the balls on the court really well and got excellent blocks up front." The strong NMH team preyed on the team's inherent miscommunication and lack of chemistry that has been a trend throughout the season.

The girls seem frustrated by this trend in their season, but it seems that there has been a significant amount of improvement in the last few weeks. In practice, they have been mainly focus-

REAL GAP

Rebounding Girls' Volleyball Spikes Cushing

Really Has Prestige

Has Prestige

OF CONTEST: 10/26/11

NT: Cushing

YED: Cushing

Andover wins 3-1

on teamwork and adjusting to the different les of play that they will come across from different teams.

Cushing

On Wednesday, Cushing proved to be a more tisfying match, ending in a 3-1 victory. The omen won the first game by an impressive lead, owever such luck did not carry through in the cond game. The second game dropped, perhaps, because of a drastic change in lineup. eckwith put in a different, less experienced, roup of girls that were unable to hold Cushing. etter, Julie Papanek was out sick, leaving the eam with holes to fill.

Throughout the match, the remaining setters ad conflicts with the referees that hindered their etting and frustrated their game. In the third game the women played with more intensity, lear communication and a positive attitudes. This game proved that the women play best when hey are having fun on the court, an element that nas been lacking this season.

However, one player commented that in the third game, Andover played down to Cushing's level. Perhaps overconfident the girls gave up a 9-0 lead and allowed Cushing to gain momentum. Fortunately, the girls was on their toes and held out, winning the third game. Diana Calderon had an excellent game with her unbeatable serves and incredible precision. The team really looks forward to its November 8th all-star game.

This Saturday, the women look forward to a tough match against Deerfield. Hopefully, this parentís weekend exhibition will keep the momentum from Wednesday's win.

The World's Best

DATE OF CONTEST: 10/3/[illegible]

OPPONENT: Deerfield

WHERE PLAYED: Home

RESULTS: Andover wins 13-[illegible]

Volleyball Romps Deerfield

by Liza Trafton
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

VOLLEYBALL

The girls' volleyball team proved stalwart on parents weekend in a 3-0 defeat over Deerfield, but found themselves weakened by St. Paul's strength this past Wednesday.

The home match against Deerfield last Saturday exhibited a consistency and determination of Andover's varsity volleyball team. Although Deerfield's size was intimidating, the support from parents and fans positively influenced the players, creating an emphatic attitude on the court. All team members played and Eileen Wang '99 said that the team's all around effort contributed to the team's unity, "Everyone pulled it together and worked together." Noted performances were seen in Yuko Chitani '99 and Diana Calderon '00. Chitani proved her consitancy in serving by continually providing the team with "amazing serves," and Calderon had good hits.

However, a change in the girls' team took place during the match against Deerfield; Coach Beckwith switched setter, Laura Mistretta '00 with Cindy Yee '01, a former outside hitter. Andrea Campbell '99 found the new addition to the center court rejuvinating and the center proved strong to the Deerfield opponents. Pleased with the performance, the team felt unity and Chitani, psyched about the win, could not have said it better than, "We creamed them."

St. Paul's is always a difficult match for the volleyball team. And ironically, after the well-needed long weekend, nearly one quarter of the girls were out of the game in a result of sickness and injuries. Katie Schellenberg '01 was out with a sprained neck, the result of an in-practice concussion, and could possibly not play for the rest of this season. Christine Okike '01 was also out for the St. Paul's match, and Mistretta stepped mid-game as a response to sickness.

Blue found it challenging to keep a sturdy distance between themselves and Deerfield, Wang said that the girls found it "hard to hold off a good team." The unity of the Deerfield match was not to be found this past Wednesday, and unfortunately, the player's spirits were low. However, the team has already proved it's strength in previous games, so it is now necessary to keep up communication and energy.

The girls have two more matches before Exeter next weekend, and in the meantime are preparing for a tournament on the fifteenth of November.

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Andover beats
Worcester (3-0)
Home

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MORE THAN JUST

GREAT

ATHLETES

BLUE

semifinals
11/18/98
Exeter
Exeter
Exeter wins (3-2) (15-7) 5th set

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Exeter
home
Andover wins (6-2)

Volleyball Splits with Exeter

by Lily Greenfield-Sanders
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

This week's matches against Exeter were at once the most impressive and disappointing of the season. Because of their discouraging inconsistency against the Phillips Exeter's team the girls are now left with ambivalent feelings towards their overall season.

In Saturday's exciting win, the team exhibited some of their best play. They showed dogged determination and exceptional play in front of an unusually large audience. Diana Calderon '00 stepped up to the competition in continuation of her characteristically skillful play. An impressive setting performance from Nikki Salva '01 aided Andover's powerful hitters Andrea Campbell '99, Yuko Chitani '99, and Lauren Fritsch '99 in their consistently strong offense. But one of the biggest triumphs from this game lay not in the individual performances, but in the on-court chemistry that the girls have been searching for.

The close first set ended in a victorious 18-16 struggle. With the necessary momentum, Blue took a big lead early in the second set, then coasted. Andover stepped up their play in the second and third sets and did not allow Red to come near to a win. The third set was a continuation of the higher level of play exhibited in the second set and brought the match to a quick finish.

However, this Wednesday the girls' season ended in a monolithic thud with their 3-2 tournament loss to the same team they had destroyed last Saturday.

The girls went into the game with strong play and won the first game by a close margin of 16-14. However, they lost focus in the second game and forfeited the teamwork they felt they had harnessed during Saturday's victory. In the third game, much like in the second, the girls seemed to drag their feet and allowed the Red to dominate. In the fourth game, however, the girls got it together and went onto the court with more intensity. They left Exeter behind with a commanding lead and gained the confidence they needed to win.

The girls self-assurance dwindled in the fifth game, however, when they got off to an upsettingly rough start. The fifth set in the tournament is played with rally-point scoring which is extremely disadvantageous for the lagging team. Andover gave Exeter a 6-1 lead and were unable to stop their opponents from staying ahead and beating them 15-8.

Despite this disappointing loss, the girls have had an impressive season. As Co-Captain Chitani said in her apt summation of her team's overall performance: "We did work well together and I really think we pulled it together at the end."

SPORT: WATER POLO - BOYS

YEAR: 1998 - 1999

CAPTAIN: Edward Dunn
HOME ADDRESS:

MANAGER:
HOME ADDRESS:

COACH: Paul Murphy
ASSISTANT COACHES:

SEASON RECORD

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Water Polo -B V

ANDERMAN, TODD D.C.
BLITZER, JAMES S.
CHEN, CHRISTOPHER P.
DUNN, EDWARD W. (C)
DURKIN, THOMAS J., Jr.
EMERY, KEVIN E.
EVANS, COLLIN T.
KIMBALL, GREGORY W.
KRUGMAN, CASEY W.
LOH, JEFFREY T.
MARTIN, GEOFFREY P.
MOGER, NATHANIEL Y.
PALMER, MATTHEW L.
SO, ALBERT Y.
TAYLOR, MARCUS J.
VANTZELFDE, NATHAN H.

Letter winners.

BOYS WATER POLO

			PA	OPP	
Sat., Sept. 19	(A)	N.M.H./ Loomis/ Hopkins	6	5	Loomis
			16	8	Hopkins
Wed., Sept. 23	(H)	Exeter	3	10	
Sat., Sept. 26	(A)	Deerfield/ Exeter/ Hotchkis	16	6	Deerfield
			8	8	Hotchkis
Wed., Sept. 30	(H)	St. John's	scrimmage		
Sat., Oct. 10	(A)	Choate	20	3	
Sat., Oct. 17	(H)	Williston Northhampton	18	9	
Wed., Oct. 21	(H)	St. John's	no score reported		
Sat., Oct. 24	(A)	N.M.H.	13	5	
Sat., Oct. 31	(H)	Deerfield	20	1	
Wed., Nov. 4	(A)	Exeter	3	15	
Sat., Nov. 14	(A)	Interscholastics (@ Exeter)	2nd place		

Boys' Waterpolo Clobbers Deerfield, Ties Hotchkiss

By Collin Evans
PHILLIPIAN MANAGING EDITOR

This past weekend, the boys' ventured out to Deerfield Academy for a mini-tournament with Deerfield and Hotchkiss. Without an astute knoweldge of their opponents ahead of time, the Andover squad wasn't sure what to expect. The boys' were looking forward to spreading out in the eight lane Deerfield pool, as it provided more room to exercise the moving offense. While Andover easily beat a rebuilding Deerfield team, the aggressive play of the Hotchkiss squad nearly defeated the Blue.

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Is this Collin Evans?

Deerfield

After suffering a narrow loss in overtime to Deerfield at last year's New England Championship, Andover was looking to quash a Deerfield team that was rumored to be rebuilding. Andover found exactly what they were expecting: an inexperienced, young squad. Andover's offense came out strong from the opening whistle. Within two minutes of play, Andover had already scored three goals, one each from Collin Evans '99, Todd Anderman '99 and Nat Moger '00. Andover's defense was also strong, holding Deerfield scorless in the first quarter.

With a commanding 5 - 1 lead midway through the second quarter, Andover seized the opportunity to practice their set offense, which had been plagued by problems in earlier games. Andover still had some difficulty creating motion, although they still managed to score three more goals, one a backhanded bullet from Evans in the hole-set position. Moger again scored on a drive, while Anderman scored his second in a man-up advantage situation.

Taking advantage of Andover's lead, Coach Paul Murphy '84 took out several starters to provide valuable game experience for Andover's deep bench. Deerfield's offense gained a bit of steam in the third quarter, however, slightly closing an already large score differential. By the end of the period, Andover still had a impressive 13 - 5 lead. T.J. Durkin '99 posted two goals, both off fast-breaks, while hole-set hopeful Marcus Taylor '00 pounded in one.

Obviously tired, the weary Deerfield team began to let up in the final period of play, allowing the Blue to outscore them by a 3 - 1 margin. Jay "Tito" Blitzer '99 scored on a breakaway feed from future goalie Casey "Eighth-of-a-Ton" Krugman '00, while Geoff Martin '99 scored on a textbook drive.

The blowout left the Blue feeling confident entering their second match of the day against Hotchkiss, a team that narrowly defeated a fatigued Blue at last year's New England Championship to seize the third place finish.

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Hotchkiss

Not sure what to expect from a traditionally physical Hotchkiss team, Andover attempted to step-up their level of play in order to counter the opposition's strong defense and rough offense. Unfortunately, ejections plagued the Blue throughout the match, with Evans getting tossed in the second quarter and Anderman later in the final period of play. Andover did manage to avert a close loss and settle for a tie.

Play remained even throughout most of the first quarter, as Andover only managed to gain a 3 - 1 lead, the first goal coming from Evans on a fast-break pass from Anderman. Moger also scored out of the hole. Anderman posted the final goal of the quarter with an amazing no-look left-handed shot from the seven meter.

The dead-locked teams continued their battle throughout the second quarter, ending in a four-four tie. Goalie Matt Palmer '99 did manage to stop a 4-meter penalty shot, although two of Hotchkiss' three goals came from man-up attacks. Evans was thrown from the match on his third ejection, although Deerifield's in-house official later conceeded that the call was made in error.

Left with a tie entering the second half of play, the Andover squad re-thought their strategy. They entered the water feeling revitalized, knowing that, in order to win, they must create motion on offense in order to produce advantage scoring opportunities. Despite doing this, the Hotchkiss defense, when combined with the questionable officiating, managed to slow the Andover attack. By the end of the quarter, both teams were still even at six goals, with both third quarter goals coming from Moger.

In an effort to gain a difinitive lead, Andover desperatly took any shot they could get, although most attempts proved unsuccessful. The removal of Anderman from the match further hindered the Blue, who were now struggling to contain the Hotchkiss squad. Entering the last minute of play, Hotchkiss was clinging on to a 8 - 7 lead, and their defense showed no sign of letting up. Frantically moving the ball to create a shot, Palmer fed Moger a lob at the Hotchkiss eight meter mark. Throwing up a desperation shot at the final buzzer, Moger managed to slip the ball past the Hotchkiss goalkeeper and narrowly avert a loss.

With no match until next Saturday, the boys hope to reevaluate their strategy at both ends of the pool and also condition themselves for larger pools like Deerfield's. Andover travels to Choate Rosemary Hall next Saturday.

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Boys' Water Polo Quashes Choate in 20 - 3 Blowout

by Collin Evans
PHILLIPIAN MANAGING EDITOR

Andover	20
Choate	3

This past weekend, the boys' water polo team ventured to Choate's to challenge the wild boars. As the score indicates, however, the boys' did not receive much of a challenge. In fact, a contest against the Choate girls' team might have been more rigorous, but the relaxed pace provided the Andover squad with a valuable opportunity to practice their motion offense in a large, eight lane, 25 meter pool.

Andover took charge right from the opening whistle, when Nat Moger '00 scored within twenty seconds. To gain a comfortable lead, the Blue took advantage a lagging Choate squad, scoring all five first quarter goals on fast break opportunities. Andover also held strong at the other end of the pool, keeping the opposition off the score board for the entire period.

After the break, an invigorated Choate squad reentered the pool with determination, stunning the Blue who began to let up given their comfortable lead. Because Andover's set offense had been shut down by Choate's rejuvenated defense, the only goals were scored in advantage situations, such as man-up attempts. Collin Evans '99 also pounded a 4 meter penalty shot past the Choate goalie to further widen the score differential.

Determined to regain control of the match, Andover entered the second half of the game looking to play clean, hands-up defense and work their set up offense. The strategy worked perfectly, giving Andover a rare opportunity to practice their offense without the confines of a small pool. Moger scored several times from the hole-set position, while Todd Anderman '99 continued the scoring blitz and increased Andover's already generous lead.

The Blue's domination continued well into the fourth quarter, although Nate Vantzelfde '00 was thrown from the match with an unprecedented four personal fouls, one more than the usual limit. Andover's commanding lead gave Coach Paul Murphy '84 the perfect opportunity to test next year's lineup, including Marcus Taylor '00, Geoff Martin '00, Albert So '01 and Greg Kimball '01.

Andover's latest victory puts them in second place behind a vulnerable Exeter squad, a position that could win the Blue a valuable first round bye at this year's New England Championships. Tomorrow the Blue faces off against Williston, a match that should provided Andover with playing experience that will be valuable later in the season.

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Nat Moger '00, above, scored an amazing seven goals Saturday.

Boys' Water Polo Flattens Williston in 19 - 8 Blowout

10/17/98

by Collin Evans

Andover	**19**
Williston	**8**

This past Saturday, the Andover boys water polo team hosted Williston North Hampton, a squad that quickly proved to be little competition for the Blue's fast offense and commanding defense.

Andover seized every fast break opportunity while still managing to operate an efficient set-up offense. The Blue had an impressive first quarter, leaving the befuddled Willisotn crew with a 9 - 0 deficit to make up. Collin Evans '99 pounded in two fast break goals, while superstar Nat Moger '00 posted three in the quarter.

In the second quarter, the Blue seized the opportunity to exercise their set-up offense, although the scoring blitz continued. Evans put three more past the Williston goalie, while a promising Marcus Taylor '00 scored on a man-up.

In the third quarter, Coach Paul Murphy '84 set-up a preview of the coming year, replacing several starters with Kevin Emery '00, Geoff Martin '00 and Albert So '01. Seniors Jeff "Hands" Loh and Chris Chen each put one past the keeper, while Casey Krugman '00 fared well in the Andover cage, posting three saves in the quarter.

With one minute left in the game, Murphy returned the starters to the field, hoping to give the crowd another thrill. The team delivered as Evans posted his final goal of the game on a breakaway.

Andover hopes to carry their strong cohesion through the next several games. Tomorrow they will face off against NMH in what looks to be yet another convincing victory for the Blue.

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Captain Teddy Dunn '99, above, keeps possession of the ball.

Boys' Water Polo Spit Roasts Hoggers

by Collin Evans
PHILLIPIAN MANAGING EDITOR

Andover	22
NMH	10

This past weekend, Andover's boys' water polo team steamrolled a slow, scrappy Northfield Mount Hermon squad. As has happened in past years, NMH's game quickly degraded into a boxing match, eventually resulting in an NMH brutality ejection. Andover managed to stay above the carnage, however, and easily cruised to a 22 - 10 victory.

Not expecting elegant play from the Hoggers, the Blue entered the match hoping to take control from the opening whistle. Todd Anderman '99 quickly scored the first two goals, both on fast-break passes from goalie Matt Palmer '99. At the other end of the pool, NMH had difficulty coping with Andover's consistent, press-out defense. The Blue's scoring blitz continued throughtout the quarter, as Collin Evans '99 pounded three past the keeper, all on selfless assists from Anderman. Nate Vantzelfde played stellar passive offense, drawing two ejections from NMH in the quarter.

Comfortable with a 6 - 1 lead entering the second period of play, Andover decided to use the pathetic NMH team to practice their man-up offense. The opportunities were certainly there, as Evans managed to draw four consecutive kickouts, and subsequently scoring on three of them. Anderman and Vantzelfde each posted a goal, while Palmer stopped four shots in the quarter.

Frustrated entering the third quarter with a 4 - 11 deficit, NMH's tactics, traditional fashion, began to turn hostile. At last years parent's weekend contest against the Hoggers, two players were ejected from the game for unsportsmanlike conduct. This year's matchup was no exception, as two players were tossed after commiting their third personal foul, and another was removed from play after throwing a punch at Nat Moger '00. NMH's play also earned the Blue two 4-meter penalty shots, which Evans easily put past the lethargic NMH keeper. Captain Teddy Dunn '99 also scored off a text-book two-man fast-break assist from Jay "Tito" Blitzer '99.

Recognizing the lack of talent on the NMH team, Coach Paul Murphy '84 replaced several starters with next year's superstars, including Greg Kimball '01, Albert So '02 and Marcus Taylor '00 put one in the back of the NMH goal. Palmer was also pulled from the cage and replaced by Casey Krugman '00, whose cat-like reflexes earned him five goalie saves in the final quarter of play.

Andover's strong offense and consistent, tight defense earned them an easy victory over the rancorous NMH team. Tomorrow the Blue will face off against Deerfield, a team Andover easily handled in their earlier matchup.

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Boys' Water Polo Team Wins Two before Falling 10-3 to a Superior Exeter Squad

by Collin Evans
PHILLIPIAN MANAGING EDITOR

Andover	6
Loomis	5
Andover	16
Hopkins	8
Exeter	10
Andover	3

BOYS POLO

The boys' team faced a fairly busy schedule this past week, including tournament play on Saturday and a loss to a dominant Exeter squad on Wednesday. Not knowing what to expect from any of the three teams, the water polo squad, which includes nine seniors, went into each game with a "balls-out" attitude. Andover managed to outplay both Loomis and Hopkins, although Exeter's strong defense and impressive fast-break managed to shut down the Blue.

Loomis

In their first matchup of the season, Andover faced off with the Loomis Pelicans. Last year's game turned out to be much of a stalemate, with Andover squeezing out a 3 - 1 victory. This year was no differnet. Still a bit shaky in their front court offense, Andover did not score a goal until late in the first quarter on a fast-break by Collin Evans '99. The Blue's defense did remain solid, however, as Loomis was held scoreless until the third quarter.

The second quarter was again successful for Andover's defense, thanks to the cat-like reflexes of goalie Matt Palmer '99 who posted six saves in the quarter. A strong press from the Loomis squad managed to hinder the Blue's scoring ability to only one goal coming from Captain Teddy Dunn '99.

While holding Loomis scoreless throughout most of the quarter, Andover's offense managed to pick up the pace, scoring four goals, including a 4-meter penalty shot by Nat Moger '00. Todd Anderman '99 pounded in a fast-break goal, while later assisting Evans.

Sitting on a comfortable 6 - 1 lead, Andover's defense slowed down in the final quarter of the match. Loomis held the Blue in a stalemate while managing to put four goals past the Andover defense. However, the Blue prevailed in the final minutes of the game, holding on to a 6 - 5 lead to win the game.

Hopkins

As a rookie team last year, the Hopkins squad lacked the experience and fundamentals necessary to overcome a fairly strong Andover team. Despite Hopkins' major improvements over last year, Andover's experience prevailed as the Blue controlled most of the match.

Realizing their mistakes from the previous game, the Blue reorganized their set-up offense in an attempt to produce more scoring opportunities. The scoring blitz began when Anderman hurled one in from six meters out. Soon thereafter, Evans scored from the hole-set with a strong side sweep. Nate Vantzelfde '00 also scored in the quarter, but, more noteably, managed a goalie save.

With the score at 3 - 1, the Blue continued their offensive assault, producing five more goals during the quarter while holding Hopkins to only one. T.J. Durkin '99 scored twice off fast-break passes from Palmer, while Moger managed to dominate the hole-set with two of his own.

By the beginning of the fourth quarter, Andover controlled Hopkins with a 15 - 5 lead. Not to be discouraged, however, Hopkins rallied to tighten Andover's lead by outscoring the Blue 3 - 1. It was not enough to seize the victory. Both games provided Andover with a clear view of its weaknesses in preperation for Wednesday's match-up against perennial powerhouse Exeter.

Exeter

Feeling confident after their victories on Saturday, the Blue were looking forward to their game against Exeter. But Exeter's strong fundamental skill and speed managed to shut-down the Blue's set offense and outswim the Andover squad to produce scoring opportunites.

Throughout the first quarter, Andover's press-out no-foul defense managed to hold the game fairly close, allowing Exeter to score only three times. The Blue, however, were held scoreless, unable to produce advantage situations like man-ups and fast breaks.

Rethinking their actions during the break, the Blue tightened their defense considerably during the second quarter, holding Exeter to two goals, both on fast-breaks. Andover was still outscored, however, with the first goal of the game coming from a no-look perimeter shot by Anderman.

The game resumed after the half where it had left off. The Exeter scoring attack continued to befuddle the Blue, who could not keep up with Exeter's speed. Andover did manage to score twice, however, once from Moger who vollyed a quick pass from Jay "Tito" Blitzer '99 and the other off an Anderman fast-break.

In the end, however, Exeter outplayed the Blue to finish with a 10 - 3 margin. As usual, the early Andover-Exeter game gave the Blue a better perspective of its strengths and weaknesses at the beginning of the season. With such a large senior contingent, Andover is looking forward to a successful season and a possible championship under the leadership of Coach Paul Murphy '84.

SPORT: WATER POLO - GIRLS

YEAR: 1998 - 1999

CAPTAIN: Jessica Shoen
HOME ADDRESS:

MANAGER:
HOME ADDRESS:

COACH: Paul Murphy
ASSISTANT COACHES:

SEASON RECORD

WON 3 LOST 2 TIED 1

Water Polo - G V
ANDERSON, ELIZABETH G.
BARTLETT, KATHERINE M.
BLITZER, MARGARET C.
COWAN, SOPHIE M.
FERRANTI, SARAH V.
FREAS, SYDNEY J.
KEIFER, EMILY J.
KREPS, ANNE S.
O'CONNOR, KERRYN
SAMSON, CARLIE C.
SCHOEN, JESSICA L. (C)

Letter winners

GIRLS WATER POLO

			PA	OPP
at., Sept. 19	(H)	Choate/ Loomis	Canceled	
at., Sept. 26	(A)	Loomis - Chaffee	18	4
at., Oct. 3	(H)	N.M.H.	17	0
at., Oct. 310	(A)	Choate	8	11
at., Oct. 17	(H)	Williston Northhampton	15	16
at., Oct. 24	(A)	N.M.H.	13	5
at., Oct. 31	(H)	Deerfield	10	10
un., Nov. 8	(A)	Loomis Tournament	3rd place	
at., Nov. 14	(A)	Choate Tournament	not recorded	

'99 Girls' Water Polo Expects a Rebuilding Year

By Ashleigh Hegedus
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

It's possible some new Phillips Academy students have never heard of water polo before. And if they have, they probably associate the word "polo" with a genteel, formal game. Little do they know that described as "International Handball in water," water polo is a sport that is both vicious and challenging.

The Andover girls' water polo team is among the toughest in its league. The team is the reigning New England Champion (for the third year in a row) and is ranked third on the East Coast.

The team, lead by Captain Jess Schoen '99, has a tough road ahead of it. "This will be a re-building year," said Kate Bartlett '01. The team lost 8 seniors: Kate Connors, Zoe Niarchos, Allison Ferranti, Caroline Pollack, Caitlin Murphy, Mel Lind, Anne Bartlett and Lisa Shaughnessy.

The team's entire starting line has graduated, with the exception of this year's captain Jess Schoen '99, who will be instrumental in guiding the girls through their forthcoming season.

Although led by only three seniors: Jess Schoen, Anne Kreps and Emily Keifer, the team has to its favor lowers like Sydney Freas, Kerryn O' Connor, Sarah Ferranti, Sophie Cowan and Meg Blitzer who have already proven their speed in the water as part of Andover's champion varsity women's swimming team.

Kate Bartlett '01, who was the alternate goalie last year, will take center net, replacing Meg Blitzer '98. Returning uppers Karli Sampson and Liz Anderson will also assume important positions on the team. New this year will be Devin Murphy '02, who follows her sister Catilin Murphy '98, with a great legacy of swimming and water polo.

The new team will also be joined this year by a new coach, Latin instructor, Elizabeth Meyer, who replaces coaches Cindy Efinger and Courtney Cherewich. Although coach Meyer is new to the game, she is described by Sarah Ferranti '01 as "the coolest coac h ever."

The water polo girls are optimistic about the possibility of another great season.They have been practicing hard, and are ready to meet their challengers head on. Their dedication to the game was evident on Tuesday when, despite the cancellation of most sports due to heavy rain, they insisted: "We're tough. We practice in all weather."

And having spent a week at the "Phillips Academy Water Polo Training Camp" at the International Swimming Hall of Fame in Fort Lauderdale, Florida honing their skills prior to preseason, the girls enjoy a comfort with each other that is rare among new teammates.

In Fort Lauderdale, the team was coached by "Water Polo Guru" and US Water Polo President, Bruce Weigo.

The pre-season has been long for this team which arrived back at Andover to continue with workouts before most students had even returned to campus. Having had both of their first two games canceled, the water-polo girls now wait in anticipation for their Saturday game at Loomis Chaffee.

Focused, fierce, and aggressive, the girls' water polo team is definitely one to watch this season. Challenged by Dr. Freas, father of Sydney Freas '01, to "be ladies on land and gorillas in the water," the team intends to emerge this fall as a force to contend with.

Girls' Water Polo Drowns Loomis in Season Opener

by Liz Anderson &
Ashleigh Hegedus
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITERS

Andover	**18**
Loomis-Chaffee	**4**

The girls' water polo team captured its first victory this Saturday at Loomis -Chaffee as it blew the Pelicans out of the water by a score of 18-4. Leading scorers for Andover were Captain Jess Schoen '99 and Liz Anderson '00 each producing an amazing eight goals. Also contributing to the large margin of victory were Sydney Freas '01 and Meg Blitzer '01, with one point each. Sarah Ferranti '01 was key to the Big Blue's victory. She pitched in as one of the leading stealers, with many of those steals leading to goals. Karli Samson '00 and Blitzer were important to the team defensively as they worked together to shut down Loomis's powerful offense. Unbelievably, both girls were trying the hole-defense position for the first time. In another first for this transitional team, Emily Thornton '01 and Devin Murphy '01, both participated in their first water polo defeat. "It was great to see the team really come together," said Thornton.

Yet, the lopsided score does not tell the whole story of the game. This tight-knit team was forced to pull together even more as the team suffered some major setbacks. Andover's aggressive defense led to fourteen ejections and man-down situations. This forced the girls to work even harder to keep their lead. The rest of the team did an outstanding job stepping in defensively while they were down. Kate Bartlett '01, starting in net, and Liz Lasater '01, playing in her first game, both performed astoundingly during these shortages. The team suffered even more adversity as Samson, Blitzer, and Freas, were completely thrown out of the game for their assertive playing. All three girls are members of the starting line. Some of the less experienced members of the team were prompted to step up to the challenge in order to guarantee Andover's domination. The team responded well, with Kerryn O'Connor '01, and Emily Keifer '99, contributing many crucial steals and assisting in many noteworthy plays.

Next Saturday, the Andover girls will once again defend their three year record as the New England Water Polo Champions when they face Northfield Mount Hermon. The girls have earned a right to be optimistic about another great season based on the outcome of their first game. They have shown that they are fast, combative and tough in the face of adversity. The team works together and is relentless in its pursuit of victory. These girls have the strength and determination to produce another winning season. As Sydney Freas put it so eloquently after the game "If we keep this up, we could be even better than last year!"

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Girls' Water Polo Spit Roasts Lady Hoggers, 17-0

by Liz Anderson &
Ashleigh Hegedus
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITERS

Andover	**17**
NMH	**0**

GIRLS POLO

The game was scheduled to start at 2:00, but NMH was nowhere in sight. Had the Hoggers heard about Andover's 14 point victory over Loomis or were they still quaking in their water polo caps from last year's embarrassing defeat? Were they just simply afraid? Well, they had a right to be. The Andover girls were ready to fight. They blew out the Hoggers by a convincing score of 17-0, proving that NMH really should have stayed at home.

The first quarter began with two quick goals by Captain Jess Schoen '99. After scoring these initial two goals, Andover never looked back. Meg Blitzer '01, Anne Kreps '99, and Carlie Samson '00, each added one goal, before Schoen finished off the quarter with another two amazing shots. NMH never had a chance.

Because of the already overwhelming margin, Andover began substituting in its newer players in the second quarter. Liz Lasater '01, gained some valuable experience as she replaced starter Kate Bartlett '01 in goal for the remainder of the game. Sophie Cowan '01 entered the game and made her presence quickly known by scoring a goal. However, the real star of this quarter was Kerryn O'Connor '01, who added an astounding three goals to the growing tally. "Kerryn really had a phenomenal game," commented teammate Liz Anderson '00.

By the beginning of the third quarter, Andover was leading by a disconcerting score of 12-0, and it was obvious by their playing style that NMH was very frustrated. NMH began to foul more aggressively and "play dirty" as they tried to compensate for their inexperience. But Andover just laughed. Blitzer racked up another goal, and Emily Thornton '01, contributed her first goal ever. Lauren Nickerson '02, and Julia Saraidaridis '01, also participated in their first game, and both did a great job on defense.

The score was comical at the beginning of the last quarter, so Andover laid off to conserve its energy for Wednesday's "big game" against the Andover Boys Varsity. Sarah Ferranti '01, and Devin Murphy '01, both played flawlessly, and Emily Keifer '99, had a great assist. Kreps, Anderson, and Sydney Freas '01 all scored to top off the dominating victory. However exiting the score was, the team's biggest accomplishment was the low number of ejections, which dropped from 14 last weekend to only one. "Ooops," joked Freas, after receiving the only ejection.

Next week's challengers for the Andover girls water gladiators: Choate Rosemary Hall and the Andover Boys. "Let's show them some Grrl Power," says Sporty Spice, and Andover heartily agrees.

10/3/98

Girls' Water Polo Snaps Winning Streak, Suffers a Loss to Choate

By Lilz Anderson &
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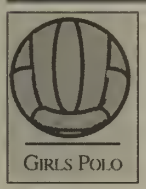
Boys	**22**
Girls	**16**

Choate	**11**
Andover	**8**



Misfortune plagued the Girls' Water Polo Team this past week. The first adversities that the team faced were a number of serious injuries.

Captain Jess Schoen '99 sidelined herself for the next three weeks with a broken knuckle in her right hand. Also, Anne Kreps '99, Sydney Freas '01, Sarah Ferranti '01, and Liz Anderson '00 are all restricted by injuries.

A difficult match-up and the girls' injuries contributed to their loss to the Andover boys on Wednesday. On Saturday, a long bus ride and a lack of enthusiasm cost the girls their first inter-league defeat in over three years. Choate Rosemary Hall won by a small margin of 11-8; however, the loss resounded loudly.

Andover Girls vs. Andover Boys

Although it failed to draw as large of a crowd as it has in past years (there was one fan), the annual Boys/Girls Water Polo Game was as exciting as ever. The rules were easy.

The girls were given a ten point head start, and for every point the girls scored after that, the boys had to do ten push-ups. Worse than the push-ups; however, each boy who let a goal pass was condemned to eternal humiliation and scorn at the hands of even his closest friends. Six such boys are walking around campus today. Find them. Tease them.

Unfortunately, these six goals were not enough to salvage the girls from the grips of defeat. The final score of 22-16, however, was not as discouraging as Captain Schoen's injury.

Schoen had been a dominating force for the girls' team in the game, scoring most of their points. Sadly, her playing time for the rest of the season will be limited as a result of this game.

The scrimmage was enjoyable for both teams and provided a break from the serious season. "We'll get them next year," said the ever optimistic Carlie Samson '00.

Choate

Saturday was the end of an era. For the first time in over three years, the Andover girls departed from a league game with disappointment in their faces. The girls' 11-8 loss to Choate ended hopes of another undefeated season. Many factors contributed to this grim defeat. Andover's slow start and lack of energy was taken advantage of by the enthusiastic Choate team. Choate dominated plays and was able to steal the ball many times, forcing Andover to step up its defense. Andover played aggressively, perhaps too well. The team was once again plagued by ejections, leading to many more Choate scores.

Jess Schoen contributed 3 goals in the futile battle. Sydney Freas and Liz Anderson each scored twice and Meg Blitzer '01 added one more point in an attempt to keep the team alive. Unfortunately, all efforts were not enough to counter Choate's strong offense on this rainy, bleak Saturday.

The Andover girls have resolved to keep their spirits up, despite this loss. They will continue to practice diligently and play the rest of the season, keeping their eyes focused on a fourth consecutive championship title.

10/10/98

Girls' Waterpolo Suffers Surprise Loss to Williston-North Hampton Last Saturday

by Max Schorr
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Last Saturday, disappointment struck again for the Andover girls as opponent Williston-North Hampton captured a surprising win. Going into the game, the girls did not have any knowledge of the Williston team's abilities and were therefore shocked by the tough competition. Additionally, the Andover girls were missing two of their starters, Captain Jess Schoen '99 and Liz Anderson '00, due to injury.

Andover scored first, however, by the end of the first quarter, Williston had caught up. Sydney Freas '01, scored once and Kerryn O'Connor '01, scored two more goals. Williston stayed with them stroke for stroke as they took advantage of every opportunity given by the young Andover team.

In the second quarter, it seemed as though Andover was pulling ahead scoring five more goals, countered by only 2 from Williston. Freas and O' Connor each contributed to the score, as well as Meg Blitzer '01, and Carlie Samson '00. Sarah Ferranti '01, played very well defensively, and Emily Keifer '99, provided additional support for the tiring team. "By half-time, it seemed like the team was doing well. Everyone was playing hard, and the score reflected it." commented Anderson.

After words of inspiration from coach Elizabeth Meyer during the half, Andover returned to the pool ready to complete its victory. Unfortunately, that was not in the cards. Williston caught Andover's lead by scoring four more points in the third quarter. Andover was unable to keep up. Blitzer scored the lone goal that quarter for Andover. Heading into the final quarter, the score, once again, was all tied up.

The beginning of the fourth quarter was frustrating for the Andover team, as they found themselves down for the first time in the game. Andover was behind for most of the quarter, but in the last four minutes were able to score an amazing four goals to even the score. O'Connor scored two more goals and Blitzer added another one; however, the real star was Sophie Cowan '01, who scored in the final minute to send the game into overtime.

The team's strength showed during overtime, as they played more as a unit than they had all game. Meg Blitzer contributed two more goals in the six minute period, raising Andover's hopes and adrenaline. However, Williston scored twice, tying the score, and destroying Andover's hope of winning in a single overtime. The game went on to sudden death.

The Andover home crowd was screaming, and the energy was at its highest point as sudden death overtime began. The rules were simple. The first team to score wins. Andover won the sprint, giving them the first possession, but they were unable to convert their advantage to a goal. To the dismay of the fans and the Andover team, Williston swam the ball down the pool and scored.

The team was disappointed in its loss, but there were many high points for the Andover girls. The team played very well together and collaborated well even without some of its key players. Kate Bartlett '01, had an amazing game in goal, with 12 blocks over the 5 quarters. Anne Kreps '99, played a substantial amount and even got a chance to prove herself in the hole position. Unfortunately, personal fouls, again plagued the Andover team, with 7 man-down situations, almost all converted to Williston goals. Samson was removed from the game due to fouls long before overtime and her skill and experience were missed.

Andover had an incredible match, especially considering that they started 5 Lowers. The great talent of these girls proves that Andover will be a force to reckon with long into the future. As the referee commented, "This was one of the most exciting games I have ever seen. You have a great team." Next week's challenger: Northfield Mount Hermon. Earlier this season, the girls blew "the Hoggers" out of the water and they hope to regain their confidence with another substantial win.

10/17/98

Big Comeback Highlights Girls' Water Polo's Week

by Liz Anderson & Ashleigh Hegedus
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITERS

Andover	**10**
Deerfield	**10**

From the close of faculty member Bobby Edward's beautiful rendition of the Star Spangled Banner until the end of the game, the tension on the Andover pool deck could be cut with a knife. The stands were packed with cheering fans and anxious but excited parents. Would the Andover girls be able to pull out a win against the experienced Deerfield team?

The Andover girls were ready. Although two of their starters, Liz Anderson, '00, and Kerryn O'Connor, '01 were still injured, Captain Jess Schoen, '99, rejoined the team for the first time in two games. The Andover girls started the game off with a bang.

On two of the first plays, Meg Blitzer, '01, and Schoen scored, bringing the home crowd to their feet. However, by the end of the quarter, Deerfield had rebounded. Three incredible lob shots over the Andover goalie's head put Deerfield in the lead.

The second quarter proved to be equally frustrating. Sarah Ferranti, '01, scored the only goal for the Andover team. However, her amazing shot was not enough to pull up her team, as Deerfield scored twice more. Emily Keifer, '99, joined the game and played aggressive defense, replacing Anne Kreps, '99, who lost her contact lenses. The Deerfield offense was relentless though, taking every opportunity to shoot. Goalie, Kate Bartlett '01, had a spectacular quarter with six impressive saves.

Sydney Freas, '01, returned in the third quarter, playing despite sickness, and won the sprint. Both teams were plagued by ejection in this quarter. The Andover girls especially had a difficult time with three ejections and one four meter penalty shot. Yet, Andover's strong defense held up.

Schoen and Blitzer both scored again, and Freas contributed her first goal of the game. Unfortunately, by the end of the quarter, Deerfield was still ahead 10 to 6.

After an inspiring talk, the Andover girls realized how much they wanted to win in front of the home crowd. As they began the fourth quarter, this attitude was apparent. Sophie Cowan, '01, and Carlie Samson, '00, each played remarkably, despite the burning fatigue from the long game. The crowd supported the Andover team and rooted them on.

The girls would not give up. Blitzer and Freas both scored early in the quarter, but as it came down to the last minute, Andover found themselves behind by two. The team looked to Captain Jess Schoen for leadership, and she did not let them down. Scoring twice before the buzzer went off, she pulled the team up to a final score of 10 to 10.

The girls and the crowd were ecstatic. Deerfield's overconfidence had proven to be their downfall.

Coach Elizabeth Meyer commented after the game, "This was the most exciting game I've ever seen.[The girls] were awesome." Liz Anderson added, " I can't wait until next week, when we're going to win New Englands!" Given the girls' performance this weekend and the return of injured players, the Andover team will, no doubt, have a good chance at succeeding in their quest for another New England Championship next Sunday at Loomis.

10/31/98

Girls' Water Polo Takes Respectable Third in N.E. Championship

by Liz Anderson and Ashleigh Hegedus
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITERS

While many Andover students don't know very much about the sport of water polo, had they taken the time in the fall to visit the pool, they would have learned that water polo does not have anything to do with the equestrian sport. They also would have seen one of the best teams in New England play one of the most exhausting and fierce sports in the world. This year, as usual, the Andover Girls' Water Polo team fought, clawed, kicked, elbowed and shoved its way to the spectacular finish of third place in the New England Championships.

It certainly was a building year for the Big Blue. After graduating almost half the team including the starting goalie and 2-Meter offensive player with the class of 1998, the remaining few players had to step up to the challenge of becoming starters. A further set-back to the team was that Cindy Efinger had to give up her position as head coach due to time constraints, leaving Elizabeth Meyer, a new Classics teacher with little previous water polo experience, in charge. For these reasons, and a season plagued by countless injuries and illnesses, Andover's final standing as third in the region was more of an accomplishment than it seems.

The Andover Girls started their 1998 season before the school year even began by spending one week training in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida thanks to the wonderful hospitality of Sydney Freas '01, and her family. They had two practices a day in the International Swimming Hall of Fame pool, watched videos, and listened to lectures designed to help them perfect the basic skills of the sport. Without these practices and the amazing instruction they received from some of the best coaches in the country, the young and inexperienced Andover team would never have done as well as it did.

The Big Blue opened its season against rival Loomis Chaffee on September 26, drowning the Pelicans with the lopsided score of 18-4. Captain Jess Schoen '99, and Liz Anderson '00, were the leading scorers, both contributing an impressive 8 goals. However, the final score did not tell the whole story of the game, as this tight-knit team was forced to pull together even more as they faced some major setbacks. Andover's aggressive defense led to a whopping 14 ejections and man-down situations. This compelled the girls to work even harder to maintain their lead. Luckily, thanks to the leadership of Schoen, and goalie Kate Bartlett '01, Andover was able to bounce back and go on to win the game convincingly.

The following Saturday, the Andover girls again blew the competition out of the water, slaughtering the NMH Hoggers with a score of 17-0. Schoen continued to be a force to be reckoned with, as well as Meg Blitzer '01, Anne Kreps '99, and Carlie Samson '00, who each added goals in the first half. In the following quarters, some of the newer players gained valuable playing time. Liz Lasater '01, played in the goal for the remainder of the game. Sophie Cown '01, and Kerryn O'Connor '01, each added goals to the growing tally, helping the team to its spectacular second victory.

In the next week's match-up, misfortune plagued the Girl's Water Polo Team. They lost their first game of the season to Choate by a score of 11-8. Not only had Captain Schoen broken her knuckle earlier that week, but Anne Kreps, Sydney Freas, Sarah Ferranti '01, and Liz Anderson were all also restricted by injuries. Despite strong performances, this game was the end of an era, as, for the first time in three years, the Andover girls departed from a league game with disappointment on their faces.

Unable to recover from their discouraging loss and still suffering from many injuries, Andover, once again, fell - this time to Williston North-Hampton by a heart-breaking score of 15-16. With both Schoen and Anderson sidelined, the girls had a difficult time keeping up with the aggressive Williston team. Although the game went to sudden death overtime, Andover could not prevent its opponents from scoring a final goal.

Playing NMH for the second time on Saturday, October 24, Andover expected another easy victory. The girls did manage to end their losing streak, but NMH was not held scoreless as in the previously match. The final score was 15-6. Emily Keifer, '99, and the entire lower contingency all played well, accounting for the wide margin of victory.

In the last game of the regular season, Deerfield traveled to Andover for an exciting game in front of a large crowd of parents and friends. From the close of Faculty Member, Bobby Edwards' beautiful rendition of the Star Spangled Banner until the end of the game, the tension on the Andover pool deck could be cut with a knife. The girls were ready. Although two of their starters, Anderson and O'Connor, were still injured, Captain Schoen rejoined the team for the first time in three games. On two of the first several plays, Blitzer and Schoen scored, bringing the crowd to its feet. However, by the end of the quarter, three incredible lob shots over goalie Kate Bartletts head had put Deerfield in the lead. Andover further slipped in the second and third quarters, leading to a score of 10-6 entering the final period. But, the girls would not give up. Blitzer and Freas both scored early in the last quarter, leaving it up to Schoen to score the tying goals in the final minute of play. Deerfield's overconfidence had proved to be its downfall.

With the regular season over, the girls faced one last challenge fi the New England Water Polo Championship at Loomis Chaffee. The three-year reigning champs had high expectations, but ultimately the young team came up short fi finishing third behind Deerfield and Choate respectively. The Andover team played three exciting games, in which every player on the team got the chance to contribute. Andover beat NMH convincingly for the third time this season, then fell to Deerfield before coming back to beat Loomis for third place. Captain Jessica Schoen was selected for the All-Tournament Team, and Goalie Kate Bartlett and Kerryn OConnor were awarded Second Team honors. These last games of the season proved that the Big Blue, although very young, will be a force to be reckoned with in the future.

After the season was over, the team met to elect Captain Schoen as team MVP, and Carlie Samson '00 as captain. Through their success this year, the girls proved that even though faced with some major setbacks, they could pull through and conquer some of the toughest competition around. They learned to work together and perfected many skills that will serve them well in future seasons. Andover expects to be back in the running for another Championship next year.

L. Hoopes/*The Phillipian*

Captain Jess Schoen '99, above, scored two late goals giving Andover a come from behind 10-10 tie.

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game against Deerfield

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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20

Hockey (G V)	LAKES REGION PEEWEE	(H)	6:00

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21

Basketball (B V)	BROOKS (Scrim.)	(H)	1:30
Basketball (G V)	Brooks (Scrim.)	(A)	1:30
Wrestling (B V)	BROOKS (Scrim.)	(H)	2:00

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23

Hockey (B V)	Governor Dummer	(A)	5:00

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2

Basketball (B V)	HOLDERNESS	(H)	4:30
Basketball (G V)	BREWSTER ACAOEMY	(H)	3:00
Hockey (B V)	ST. PAUL'S	(H)	2:30
Hockey (G V)	K.U.A.	(H)	4:30
Squash (B V)	Brooks (Scrim.)	(A)	2:00
Squash (B JV1)	Brooks (Scrim.)	(A)	2:00
Squash (G V)	TABOR	(H)	3:30

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5

Basketball (B V)	Cushing	(A)	4:00
Basketball (B JV1)	Cushing	(A)	2:30
Basketball (G V)	GOVERNOR OUMMER	(H)	2:30
Hockey (B V)	ST. MARK'S	(H)	3:30
Hockey (B JV1)	MIDDLESEX ISLANDERS	(H)	5:30
Hockey (G V)	St. Mark's	(A)	2:30
Hockey (G JV)	GOVERNOR DUMMER	(H)	1:30
Wrestling (B V)	GOVERNOR DUMMER	(H)	2:00

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12

Basketball (B V)	Thayer	(A)	3:30
Basketball (G V)	Thayer (Scrim.)	(A)	2:00
Hockey (B V)	Harvard	(A)	2:00
Hockey (G V)	HANOVER HIGH SCHOOL	(H)	2:00

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13

Basketball (B V)	Harvard	(A)	1:00
Basketball (G V)	Harvard	(A)	3:00
Hockey (B V)	TABOR	(H)	2:00
Hockey (G V)	PEABODY GIRLS	(H)	10:00

MONDAY, DECEMBER 14

Basketball (B V)	Loomis-Chaffee	(A)	~~5:15~~ 5:00
Basketball (G V)	Loomis-Chaffee	(A)	~~3:30~~ 4:00
Hockey (B V)	Milton	(A)	5:00
Hockey (G V)	BOSTON ICE WOMEN	(H)	7:00

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15

Basketball (B V)	NEW HAMPTON	(H)	5:30
Basketball (G V)	NEW HAMPTON	(H)	3:30
Hockey (B V)	TILTON	(H)	5:15

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17

Hockey (G V)	Taft	(A)	TBA

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18

Hockey (B V)	Milton	(A)	TBA
Hockey (G V)	Taft	(A)	TBA

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19

Hockey (B V)	Milton	(A)	TBA

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20

Hockey (B V)	Milton	(A)	TBA

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6

Skiing Nordic	Holderness	(A)	2:45

SATURDAY, JANUARY 9

Basketball (B V)	Choate	(A)	6:00
Basketball (B JV1)	Choate	(A)	2:00
Basketball (G V)	Choate	(A)	4:00
Basketball (G JV1)	Choate	(A)	12:00
Hockey (B V)	Choate	(A)	6:00
Hockey (B JV1)	Choate	(A)	4:00
Hockey (G V)	Choate	(A)	2:00
Hockey (G JV)	Choate	(A)	12:00
Squash (B V)	Choate/Exeter/Taft	(A)	2:00
Squash (G V)	Choate	(A)	12:00
Swimming (B V)	Choate	(A)	2:00
Swimming (G V)	Choate	(A)	2:00
Track (B V)	Oartmouth	(A)	TBA
Track (G V)	Dartmouth	(A)	TBA
Wrestling (B V)	Choate	(A)	2:00
Wrestling (B JV)	Choate	(A)	2:00

SUNDAY, JANUARY 10

Hockey (B V)	ALUMNI	(H)	2:00
Hockey (G V)	ALUMNI	(H)	12:00

MONDAY, JANUARY 11

Basketball (B V)	GOVERNOR OUMMER	(H)	4:45

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13

Basketball (B JV1)	ANDDVER (Scrim.)	(H)	5:00
Basketball (B JV2)	No. Reading High	(A)	~~3:00~~ 3:15
Basketball (G V)	TABDR	(H)	3:30
Basketball (G JV1)	TABOR	(H)	3:30
Basketball (G JV2)	North Reading	(A)	3:00
Hockey (B V)	BRIDGTON ACADEMY	(H)	5:30
Hockey (G V)	NEW HAMPTON	(H)	3:30
Hockey (G JV)	BROOKS	(A)	2:00
Skiing Nordic	K.U.A.	(A)	2:45
Squash (B V)	DEERFIELD	(H)	3:15
Squash (B JV1)	DEERFIELD	(H)	3:15
Squash (B JV2)	GROTON	(H)	2:15
Squash (G V)	MIOOLESEX	(A)	2:30
Squash (G JV1)	MIOOLESEX	(A)	2:30
Swimming (B JV)	BERWICK ACADEMY	(H)	3:15
Swimming (G JV)	BERWICK ACADEMY	(H)	3:15
Track (B V)	TEWKSBURY	(H)	3:00
Track (G V)	TEWKSBURY	(H)	3:00
Wrestling (B V)	WILBRAHAM & MONSON	(A)	4:15

FRIDAY, JANUARY 15

Squash (G V)	BROOKS	(A)	4:00
Squash (G JV1)	BROOKS	(A)	4:00

SATURDAY, JANUARY 16 DAY w.th Andover Athletics

Basketball (B V)	TABOR	(A)	6:30
Basketball (B JV1)	TABOR	(A)	5:00
Basketball (B JV2)	Central Catholic High	(H)	1:00
Basketball (G V)	MILTON	(H)	3:00
Basketball (G JV1)	MILTON	(H)	3:00
Hockey (B V)	EXETER	(H)	5:00
Hockey (B JV1)	OEERFIELD	(H)	3:00
Hockey (G V)	St. Paul's	(A)	3:00
Hockey (G JV)	HANOVER YDUTH HOCKEY	(H)	1:00
Squash (B JV1)	ST. MARK'S	(A)	1:00
Squash (B JV2)	ST. MARK'S	(A)	1:00
Swimming (B V)	LOOMIS-CHAFFEE	(A)	2:00
Swimming (B JV)	EXETER	(H)	~~2:00~~ 2:15?
Swimming (G V)	LDOMIS-CHAFFEE	(A)	2:00
Swimming (G JV)	EXETER	(H)	~~2:00~~ 2:15?
Track (B V)	YALE INVITATIONAL	(A)	TBA
Track (G V)	YALE INVITATIONAL	(A)	TBA
Wrestling (B V)	DEERD/TILTON/BCD/HYDE	(A)	2:00
Wrestling (B JV)	Tabor	(A)	1:00

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20

Basketball (B V)	BREWSTER ACADEMY	(H)	3:00
Basketball (G V)	N.M.H.	(A)	4:00
Basketball (G JV1)	N.M.H.	(A)	4:00
Basketball (G JV2)	~~GROTON~~	(A)	~~2:30~~
Hockey (B V)	BERWICK ACADEMY (DOVER)	(A)	4:00
Hockey (B JV1)	CHELMSFORD	(H)	5:00
Hockey (G V)	LAWRENCE ACAOEMY	(A)	3:15
Hockey (G JV)	B.B.& N.	(H)	3:00
Skiing Nordic	Proctor	(A)	2:45
Squash (G V)	ST.PAUL'S	(H)	2:45
Squash (G JV1)	ST.PAUL'S	(H)	2:45
Squash (G JV2)	ST.PAUL'S	(H)	2:45
Swimming (B V)	LINCOLN SUDBURY	(H)	3:45
Swimming (G V)	LINCOLN SUDBURY	(H)	3:45
Track (GJV)	HAVERHILL	(H)	3:30
Track (BJV)	HAVERHILL	(H)	3:30
Wrestling (B V)	WORCESTER	(H)	3:00
Wrestling (B JV)	WORCESTER	(H)	3:00

FRIDAY, JANUARY 22

Basketball (G JV2)	CONCDRD-CARLISLE HIGH	(H)	3:30
Squash (B JV2)	MILTON	(A)	4:30

SATURDAY, JANUARY 23

Basketball (B V)	NDTRE DAME PREP	(H)	6:00
Basketball (B JV1)	OEERFIELD	(H)	3:30
Basketball (B JV2)	OEERFIELD	(H)	3:30
Basketball (G V)	Deerfield	(A)	3:30
Basketball (G JV1)	Deerfield	(A)	3:30
Hockey (B V)	NDBLE & GREENDUGH	(H)	2:00
Hockey (B JV1)	ST. PAUL'S	(H)	4:00
Hockey (G V)	Groton	(A)	2:45
Hockey (G JV)	ACTON/BOXBORDUGH	(H)	6:00
Skiing Nordic	HOME RACE	(H)	2:00
Squash (B V)	MIDDLESEX	(H)	2:00
Squash (B JV1)	MIDDLESEX	(H)	2:00
Squash (G V)	EXETER	(A)	~~1:15~~ 2:00
Squash (G JV1)	EXETER	(A)	~~1:15~~ 2:00
Swimming (B V)	N.M.H.	(A)	3:30
Swimming (B JV)	MILTON	(H)	2:30
Swimming (G V)	N.M.H.	(A)	3:30
Swimming (G JV)	MILTON	(H)	2:30
Wrestling (B V)	BELMONT/LOOMIS/NH	(H)	3:45
Wrestling (B JV)	Loomis	(A)	~~TBA~~ 3:00

MONDAY, JANUARY 25

Hockey (B V)	LAWRENCE ACAOEMY	(A)	4:30

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27

Basketball (B V)	EXETER	(H)	2:30
Basketball (B JV1)	EXETER	(H)	2:30
Basketball (B JV2)	ANDOVER FRESHMAN	(A)	4:30
Basketball (G V)	N.A.P.S.	(H)	4:30
Basketball (G JV1)	NO. REAOING HIGH SCHOOL	(H)	4:30
Basketball (G JV2)	ANOOVER FRESHMAN	(A)	3:00
Hockey (B V)	MIDDLESEX	(H)	2:30
Hockey (B JV1)	MIDDLESEX ISLANDERS	(H)	6:30
Hockey (G V)	CUSHING	(H)	4:15
Skiing Nordic	Putney	(A)	2:45
Squash (B V)	ST.PAUL'S	(H)	2:30
Squash (B JV1)	ST.PAUL'S	(H)	2:30
Squash (G V)	GRDTDN	(A)	2:30
Squash (G JV1)	GROTON	(A)	2:30
Track (B V)	LYNNFIELD/MASCD	(H)	3:00
Track (G V)	LYNNFIELD/MASCO	(H)	3:00
Wrestling (B V)	NO. ANDOVER HIGH	(H)	3:30

FRIDAY, JANUARY 29

Basketball (G V)	SUFFIELD	(A)	6:00
Squash (B V)	TUFTS	(A)	5:00
Squash (B JV1)	GROTON	(A)	4:15
Squash (G V)	TUFTS	(A)	5:00
Track (B JV)	LOWELL	(H)	3:45
Track (G JV)	LOWELL	(H)	3:45
Wrestling (B V)	N.M.H.	(H)	6:30

SATURDAY, JANUARY 30

Basketball (B V)	N.M.H.	(H)	3:30
Basketball (B JV1)	N.M.H.	(H)	3:30
Basketball (B JV2)	GR. LAW. TECHNICAL HIGH	(H)	1:15
Basketball (G JV2)	FAY SCHODL	(H)	1:15
Hockey (B V)	LDDMIS-CHAFFEE	(H)	3:30
Hockey (B JV1)	ANOOVER HIGH SCHODL	(H)	5:30
Hockey (G V)	DEERFIELO	(A)	3:00
Hockey (G JV)	DEERFIELD	(A)	4:30
Squash (B V)	CHOATE/WESTMINSTER	(A)	4:00
Squash (G JV2)	MIODLESEX	(H)	1:30
Swimming (B V)	DEERFIELD	(H)	3:00
Swimming (B JV)	DEERFIELD	(A)	3:30
Swimming (G V)	DEERFIELD	(H)	3:00
Swimming (G JV)	DEERFIELD	(A)	3:30
Wrestling (B JV)	ST. PAUL'S/WINN/HYDE/CHOATE Rivers	(H)	~~TBA~~ 2:15

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3

Basketball (B V)	BRIDGTON ACADEMY	(H)	5:00
Basketball (B JV1)	St. John's	(A)	5:00
Basketball (B JV2)	CHELMSFORD	(H)	3:00
Basketball (G V)	CUSHING	(A)	3:30
Basketball (G JV1)	CUSHING	(A)	5:00
Basketball (G JV2)	CHELMSFDRD	(H)	3:00
Hockey (B V)	DEERFIELD	(A)	4:30
Hockey (B JV1)	CHELMSFORD	(H)	5:30
Hockey (G V)	EXETER	(H)	3:30
Hockey (G JV)	MIDDLESEX	(A)	2:30
Skiing Nordic	St. Paul's	(A)	2:45
Squash (B V)	EXETER	(H)	2:30
Squash (B JV1)	EXETER	(H)	2:30
Squash (B JV2)	EXETER	(H)	2:30
Squash (G V)	NOBLE & GREENDUGH	(A)	2:30
Squash (G JV1)	NOBLE & GREENOUGH	(A)	2:30
Squash (G JV2)	GRDTON	(H)	4:15
Swimming (B V)	NE BARRACOUDAS	(H)	5:30
Swimming (G V)	NE BARRACDUDAS	(H)	5:30
Swimming (G JV)	WINSOR	(A)	3:00
Track (B V)	CENTRAL CATHOLIC	(H)	3:30
Track (G V)	CENTRAL CATHOLIC	(H)	3:30
Wrestling (B V)	TABOR	(A)	3:30
Wrestling (B JV)	TABOR	(A)	3:30

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5

Basketball (B V)	THAYER	(H)	4:30/4:45
Squash (B JV1)	TABOR	(A)	5:30
Squash (B JV2)	TABOR	(A)	5:30

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6

Basketball (B JV1)	LAWRENCE HIGH	(H)	1:00
Basketball (B JV2)	LAWRENCE HIGH	(H)	1:00
Basketball (G V)	EXETER	(H)	3:00
Basketball (G JV1)	EXETER	(H)	3:00
Basketball (G JV2)	CENTRAL CATHOLIC HIGH	(H)	11:00
Hockey (B V)	B.B. & N.	(H)	4:00
Hockey (B JV1)	ST. MARK'S	(H)	2:00
Hockey (G V)	B.B. & N.	(A)	4:00
Hockey (G JV)	ST. MARK'S	(H)	2:00
Skiing Nordic	Cardigan	(A)	TBA
Squash (B V)	MILTON	(H)	1:00
Squash (B JV1)	MILTON	(H)	1:00
Squash (B JV2)	Belmont Hill	(A)	1:30
Squash (G V)	MILTON	(H)	3:00
Squash (G JV1)	MILTON	(H)	3:00
Squash (G JV2)	ST. MARK'S JV	(A)	1:00
Track (B V)	Wheaton Invitational	(A)	9:00
Track (G V)	Wheaton Invitational	(A)	9:00
Wrestling (B V)	MOSES/NEW HAMPTON/MILTON	(H)	1:00
Wrestling (B JV)	Roxbury Latin	(A)	2:30

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8

Track (B V)	Andover High	(A)	3:45
Track (G V)	Andover High	(A)	3:45

Hockey GJV Pike H 3:00

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10

Basketball (B JV2)	ANDOVER FRESHMAN	(H)	4:15
Basketball (G V)	ST. PAUL'S	(H)	2:45
Basketball (G JV1)	ST. PAUL'S	(H)	2:45
Basketball (G JV2)	PINGREE	(A)	3:00
Hockey (B V)	K.U.A.	(A)	4:15
Hockey (B JV1)	ST. JOHN'S PREP	(H)	5:45
Hockey (G V)	TABOR	(A)	3:30
Hockey (G JV)	BERWICK ACADEMY	(H)	3:45
Skiing Nordic	Holderness	(A)	2:45
Squash (B V)	BELMONT HILL	(H)	2:30
Squash (B JV1)	BELMONT HILL	(H)	2:30
Squash (B JV2)	CONCORD ACADEMY	(A)	3:00
Squash (G V)	St. Paul's	(A)	2:45
Squash (G JV1)	St. Paul's	(A)	2:45
Squash (G JV2)	St. Paul's	(A)	2:45
Swimming (B V)	WORCESTER	(A)	3:30
Swimming (G V)	WORCESTER	(A)	3:30
Wrestling (B V)	BROOKS	(A)	3:00
Wrestling (B JV)	BROOKS	(A)	3:00

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12

Basketball (B V)	BEAVER COUNTRY DAY	(A)	4:30
Hockey (B V)	PINGREE	(H)	4:00
Hockey (G V)	N.M.H.	(A)	5:30

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13

Hockey (B V)	BELMONT HILL	(H)	2:00

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17

Basketball (B V)	WORCESTER	(H)	5:00
Basketball (B JV1)	WORCESTER	(H)	5:00
Basketball (B JV2)	Pingree (JV)	(A)	3:30
Basketball (G V)	B.B.&N.	(A)	3:15
Basketball (G JV1)	B.B.&N.	(A)	4:30
Basketball (G JV2)	SHORE COUNTRY DAY	(H)	3:00
Hockey (B V)	CUSHING	(A)	5:00
Hockey (B JV1)	AUSTIN PREP	(H)	7:00
Hockey (G V)	NOBLE & GREENOUGH	(H)	4:00
Skiing Nordic	Gould	(A)	2:45
Squash (B V)	ST. GEORGE'S	(H)	3:45
Squash (B JV1)	NOBLE & GREENOUGH (V)	(H)	3:45
Squash (B JV2)	BROOKS	(H)	2:00
Squash (G V)	WINSOR V @ M.I.T.	(A)	3:15
Squash (G JV1)	WINSOR (3rd) @ M.I.T.	(A)	3:15
Squash (G JV2)	MIDDLESEX/ST. MARK'S	(A)	2:30
Swimming (B JV)	ST. GEORGE'S/BERWICK	(H)	3:30
Swimming (G JV)	ST. GEORGE'S/BERWICK	(H)	3:30
Wrestling (B V)	EXETER	(H)	3:00
Wrestling (B JV)	EXETER	(H)	3:00

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19

Hockey (G V)	MILTON	(A)	5:45
Squash (G JV2)	GROTON	(A)	4:15
Wrestling (B V)	INTERSCHOLASTICS	(A)	TBA

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20

Basketball (B V)	N.M.H.	(A)	6:30
Basketball (B JV1)	N.M.H.	(A)	6:30
Basketball (G V)	N.M.H.	(H)	4:30
Basketball (G JV1)	N.M.H.	(H)	2:30
Basketball (G JV2)	N.M.H.	(H)	2:30
Hockey (B V)	TABOR	(A)	1:00
Hockey (B JV1)	TABOR	(A)	3:00
Hockey (G V)	BROOKS	(H)	2:00
Hockey (G JV)	GROTON	(H)	3:30
Squash (B JV2)	BELMONT HILL	(H)	12:00
Squash (G V)	GROTON	(H)	2:30
Squash (G JV1)	GROTON	(H)	2:30
Squash (G JV2)	ST.MARK'S/ST. GEORGE"S	(A)	2:30
Swimming (B V)	HOPKINS	(H)	2:00/1:00
Swimming (G V)	HOPKINS	(H)	2:00/1:00
Wrestling (B V)	INTERSCHOLS. A. Hyde	(A)	9:00 NFR.

Basketball JV2 Berwick H 4:30

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24

Basketball (B V)	DEERFIELD	(A)	4:30
Basketball (B JV1)	DEERFIELD	(A)	4:30
Basketball (G V)	TILTON	(H)	2:30
Basketball (G JV2)	B.B.&N.	(H)	3:00
Hockey (B V)	N.M.H.	(H)	3:30
Hockey (B JV1)	Belmont Hill	(A)	5:30
Hockey (G V)	HOLDERNESS	(H)	5:30
Hockey (G JV)	ST. PAUL'S	(A)	3:45
Squash (B V)	EXETER	(A)	2:30
Squash (B JV1)	EXETER	(A)	2:30
Squash (B JV2)	EXETER	(A)	2:30
Squash (G V)	EXETER	(H)	2:30
Squash (G JV1)	EXETER	(H)	2:30
Squash (G JV2)	EXETER	(H)	2:30
Swimming (B V)	EXETER	(H)	3:30
Swimming (G V)	EXETER	(H)	3:30
Track (GJV)	EXETER	(A)	2:30
Track (B V)	EXETER	(A)	2:30
Track (BJV)	EXETER	(A)	2:30
Track (G V)	EXETER	(A)	2:30

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26

Squash (B V)	INTERSCHOLASTICS	(A)	TBA

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27

Basketball (B V)	EXETER	(A)	7:00
Basketball (B JV1)	EXETER	(A)	3:00
Basketball (G V)	EXETER	(A)	5:00
Basketball (G JV1)	EXETER	(A)	1:00
Hockey (B V)	EXETER	(A)	4:00
Hockey (B JV1)	EXETER	(A)	2:30
Hockey (G V)	EXETER	(A)	6:00
Hockey (G JV)	EXETER	(A)	1:00
Squash (B V)	INTERSCHOLS Hartford	(A)	9:00
Squash (G V)	INTERSCHOLASTICS	(A)	TBA
Swimming (B JV)	EXETER	(A)	2:00
Swimming (G JV)	EXETER	(A)	2:00
Track (B V)	BOWDOIN	(A)	TBA
Track (G V)	BOWDOIN	(A)	TBA
Wrestling (B V)	NATIONALS Lehigh PA	(A)	TBA
Wrestling (B JV)	INTERSCHOLS @ N.M.H.	(A)	10:00

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FRIDAY, MARCH 5

Wrestling (B V)	NEW ENGLANOS	(A)	TBA

SATURDAY, MARCH 6

Diving Boys	INTERSCHOLASTICS	(A)	TBA
Swimming (B V)	INTERSCHOLS DEERFIELD	(A)	TBA
Track (G V)	EASTERN STATES MEETS	(A)	TBA
Wrestling (B V)	NEW ENGLANDS Prov. RI	(A)	TBA

SUNDAY, MARCH 7

Diving Girls	INTERSCHOLASTICS	(A)	TBA
Swimming (G V)	INTERSCHOLS DEERFIELD	(A)	TBA

SATURDAY, MARCH 13

Track (B V)	NATIONALS	(A)	TBA
Track (G V)	NATIONALS	(A)	TBA

SPORT: Basketball - Boys

YEAR: 1998 - 1999

CAPTAIN: Justin Voccola
HOME ADDRESS:

MANAGER: Bonnie Olivia
HOME ADDRESS:

COACH: Leon Modeste
ASSISTANT COACHES: Paul Kalkstein

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Basketball -BV

ADAMS, EVERETT L., II
ALLEN, RICHARD F., Jr.
CARR, NATHANIEL H.
CLOYD, CONNELL A.
DAVILA, MARCO A.
HILLEY, BRENDAN S.
MYERS, JOFFRE V.A.
OLIVA, BONNIE L. (M)
RAMSEY, ROBERT E.
SACCOCCIA, BEAU P.
THURBER, DAVIS C.
UNSAL, SIRET
VOCCOLA, E. JUSTIN (C)
WARD, AARON M.

Letter Winners

BOY'S BASKETBALL

			PA	OPP
Dec. 2, 1998	(H)	Holderness	65	56
Dec. 5, 1998	(A)	Cushing	48	74
Dec. 12, 1998	(A)	Thayer	79	88
Dec. 14, 1998	(A)	Loomis-Chaffee	81	75
Dec. 15, 1998	(A)	New Hampton	49	82
Jan. 9, 1999	(A)	Choate	67	93
Jan. 11, 1999	(H)	Governer Dummer	82	72
Jan. 16, 1999	(A)	Tabor	77	102
Jan. 20, 1999	(H)	Brewster	67	64
Jan. 23, 1999	(H)	Notre Dame Prep.	79	109
Jan. 27, 1999	(H)	Exeter	81	62
Jan. 30, 1999	(H)	N.M.H.	59	81
Feb. 3, 1999	(H)	Bridgeton	61	88
Feb. 5 1999	(H)	Thayer	65	57
Feb. 12, 1999	(A)	Beaver Country Day School	85	58
Feb. 17, 1999	(H)	Worcester Academy	76	68
Feb. 20, 1999	(A)	N.M.H.	57	78
Feb. 24, 1999	(A)	Deerfield	67	52
Feb. 27, 1999	(A)	Exeter	80	65
Feb. 28, 1999	(A)	Tabor (championship tournament)	56	75

SQUAD STATISTICS

NAME & HOME ADDRESS	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	CLASS	POSITION
Adams, Everett L., II 4033 Dunwoody Drive Charlotte, NC 28215	5'10	140 lbs	'99	Point Guard
Allen, Richard 319 Hot Springs Road Santa Barbara, CA 93108	6'8	210 lbs	'99	Forward
Bough, Geoffry	6'0	172 lbs	'99	injured
Carr, Nathaniel 349 Lexington Road Concord MA 01742	6'4	180 lbs	'00	Forward
Cloyd, Cornelli 4443 Bluebell Memphis, TN 38109	6'1	165 lbs	'99	Forward
Davila, Marco 1425 Amsterdam Avenue Apt. 8B New York, New York 10027	6'0	165 lbs	'00	Shooting Guard
Hilley, Brendan 301 Springvale Road Great Falls, VA 22066	5'10	140 lbs	'99	Point Guard
Myers, Torre 1201 North Park Street Bloomington, IL 61701	6'2	195 lbs	'99	forward
Ramsey, Robert 44 Hillcrest Road Belmont, MA 02178	6'6	255 lbs	'99	Forward
Saccoccia, Brad 991 East Beach Pass Christian, MS 39571	6'3	200 lbs	'00	Forward
Thurber, Davis 4 Elliot Street Nashua, NH 03060	5'11	165 lbs	'00	Guard
Unisal, Uret - Birlik Mah, 11 Sok 38/10 Gaziosman pasa Ankara, Turkey	6'1	178 lbs	[illegible]	Forward
Voccola, Justin 73 Burditt Avenue Hingham, MA 02043	5'10	170 lbs	'99	Point Guard
Ward, Aaron 10 Surrey Lane Durham, NH 03824	6'3	190 lbs	'99	Forward

DATE OF CONTEST: 12/2/98

OPPONENT: Holderness

WHERE PLAYED: PA

RESULTS: PA won
65-56

high scorers - Ward (19)
Adams (13)

rebounders - Adams (7)
Allen (5)

assists - Voccola (5)

steals - Adams (7)
Voccola (5)

DATE OF CONTEST: 12/5/98

OPPONENT: Cushing Academy

WHERE PLAYED: Cushing

RESULTS: PA lost
48-74

high scorers - Ward (15)
Adams (14)

rebounds - Allen (8)
Saccoccia (5)
Cloyd (4)

assists - Vaccola (1)
Adams (3)

DATE OF CONTEST: 12/12/98

OPPONENT: Thayer Academy

WHERE PLAYED: Thayer

RESULTS: PA lost
79 - 88

high scorers – Ward (16)
Allen (16)
Voccola (14)
Adams (11)
Ramsey (10)

rebounds – Ramsey (7)
Allen (6)
Adams (5)

assists – Voccola (6)
Adams (6)

steals – Voccola (4)
Adams (3)

DATE OF CONTEST: 12/14/98

OPPONENT: Loomis-Chafee

WHERE PLAYED: Loomis

RESULTS: PA won > went into overtime
81-75

high scorers - Adams (37)
Voccola (17)
Allen (13)

high rebounds - Ramsey (11)
Allen (8)
Ward (9)
Adams (10)

high assists - Voccola (4)

DATE OF CONTEST: 12/15/98

OPPONENT: New Hampton

WHERE PLAYED: New Hampton

RESULTS: PA lost
49-82

high scorers - Allen (15)
Voccola (9)
Ward (8)

DATE OF CONTEST: 1/9/99

OPPONENT: Choate

WHERE PLAYED: Choate

RESULTS: PA lost
67-93

high scorers - Voccola (18)
Adams (16)
Waral (12)
Allen (11)

high rebounders - Sarcoccia (7)
Allen (5)
Waral (4)
Ramsey (4)

high assisters - Adams (6)
Voccola (5)

Steals - Adams (6)
Voccola (3)
Sarcoccia (3)
Davila (2)

DATE OF CONTEST: 1/11/99

OPPONENT: Governer Dummer Academy

WHERE PLAYED: PA

RESULTS: PA won
82-72

high scorers - Ward (20)
Adams (16)
... Allen (10)

high rebounders - Ramsey (11)
Ward (10)
Saccocela (8)
Allen (6)

assists - Adams (8)
Voccola (5)

DATE OF CONTEST: 1/16/99

OPPONENT: Tabor

WHERE PLAYED: Tabor

RESULTS: PA lost
102-77

high scorers - Ward (34)
Vaccola (11)
Allen (11)
Adams (10)

rebounds - Ramsey (5)
Sarracca (5)

assists - Adams (10)
Vaccola (6)

steals - Adams (4)

DATE OF CONTEST: 1/20/99

OPPONENT: Brewster

WHERE PLAYED: PA

RESULTS: PA won
67-64

high scorers - Ward (19)
Adams (19)
Allen (10)
Vorcola (8)

rebounds - Sarraccia (9)
Allen (6)
Ward (8)

assists - Vorcola (6)
Adams (5)

Steals - Adams (8)

Boys' Basketball Squeaks by Brewster

J.R. Allen '99 floats a shot over a Brewster defender. Photo / D. Kurs

DATE OF CONTEST: 1/23/99

OPPONENT: Notre Dame Prep

WHERE PLAYED: PA

RESULTS: PA lost
79-109

high scorers - Adams (20)
Ward (15)
Davila (14)

rebounds - Saccoccia (6)
Davla (6)
Adams (5)

assists - Adams (5)
Voccola (2)

DATE OF CONTEST: 1/27/99

OPPONENT: Exeter

WHERE PLAYED: PA

RESULTS: PA won
81 - 62

high scorers - Adam (25)
Ward (21)
Voccola (16)

high rebounders - Allen (7)
Saccoccia (7)

high assists - Voccola (7)
Adams (7)

E.L. Adams '99, pictured here, has used his great penetrating skills to open up Andover's shooters. At left, he dribbles around an Exeter opponent before driving to the hole and pulling up for a shot, right.

Photos / D. Magnus

DATE OF CONTEST: 1/30/99

OPPONENT: N.H.H

WHERE PLAYED: PA

RESULTS: PA lost
59-81

high scorers- Ward (14)
Allen (14)
Voccola (10)

high rebounders- Allen (5)

assists- Adamic (3)
Voccola (2)

E.L. Adams glides through the air for a lay-up during Andover's loss to NMH on Saturday. Photo / D. Kurs

DATE OF CONTEST: 2/3/99

OPPONENT: Bridgeton

WHERE PLAYED: PA

RESULTS: PA lost
61-88

high scorers - Davila (17)
Ward (16)
Vaccola (11)

rebounds - Saccoccia (7)
Davila (4)
Ward (4)
Cloyd (4)
Ramsey (4)

assists - Vaccola (2)
Cloyd (2)
Hilley (2)

DATE OF CONTEST: 2/5/99

OPPONENT: Thayer

WHERE PLAYED: PA

RESULTS: PA won
65-57

high scorers - Adams (19)
Voccola (13)
Ward (11)

rebounds - Allen (8)
Ramsey (7)
Adams (6)

assists - Voccola (2)

steals - Adams (7)

DATE OF CONTEST: 2/12/99

OPPONENT: Beaver Country Day School

WHERE PLAYED: Beaver Country Day School

RESULTS: PN won
45- 58

high scorers - Ward (20)
Davila (14)
Cloyd (12)
Allen (12)
Vaccola (11)

rebounds - Allen (12)

assists - Adams (9)
Thurber (5)
Vaccola (4)

Steals - Adams (3)

DATE OF CONTEST: 2/17/99

OPPONENT: Worcester Academy

WHERE PLAYED: PA

RESULTS: PA won
76 - 68

high scorers- Ward (29)
Adams (22)
Allen (16)
rebounds- Allen (11)
assists - Vaccola (10)
steals- Adams (6)

Photo / D. Kurs

Rob Ramsey '99 drives hard to the hoop past his Worcester Academy opponent

DATE OF CONTEST: 2/20/99

OPPONENT: N.M.H

WHERE PLAYED: N.H.H

RESULTS: PA lost
57 - 73

high scorers - Adams (25)
Allen (12)

rebounds - Ramsey (6)
Allen (5)

assists - Voccola - (4)

steals - Voccola - (4)
Adams (3)

DATE OF CONTEST: 2/24/99

OPPONENT: Deerfield

WHERE PLAYED: Deerfield

RESULTS: PA won
67-52

high scorers - Ward (19)
Voccola (18)
Adams (17)

rebounds - Ramsey (6)
Saccoccia (6)

assists - Voccola (8)
Adams (5)

steals - Voccola (4)
Adams (4)

DATE OF CONTEST: 2/27/99

OPPONENT: Exeter

WHERE PLAYED: Exeter

RESULTS: PA won
80-65

high scorers- Adams (24)
Ward (19)
Voccola (12)

rebounds- Adams (7)
Cloyd (7)
Allen (7)

assists- Voccola (11).

DATE OF CONTEST: 2/20/99

OPPONENT: Tabor

WHERE PLAYED: Tabor (Championship Tournament)

RESULTS: PA lost
56 - 75

high scorers - Adams (19)
Ward (12)

rebounds - Adams (7)

assists - Adams (5)
Vocola (2)

STRONG SENIOR LEADERSHIP

Shakes Off Early Losses With Rebound Wins Over NE Powers

by Austin Arensberg
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

It is June 4th, 1998 and you are at the Commencement watching Andover graduate ten of its twelve varsity basketball players. How, you wonder, are they ever going to win any games with only two returning players? If they do, will it be because of the leadership from captain and three-year varsity player Justin Voccola '99? Their influx of new Post Graduates? Or downright intensity and perseverance? The answer to all those questions was yes. They did have to look for leadership during the harder streaks of the season. The team did look to its depth and new postgraduates for scoring and rebounding. And in the end it was an unrelenting will to win and stay competitive that gave the boys the .500 season they all wanted so much.

In retrospect the team had a rough start, winning six of fifteen games, with the latter of the two decided by under-ten-point differentials. Coach Mo and others in the program surely knew it would take time for the team to coalesce and show the capability of working with each other during game-time decisions. But of course that is always the case when working with players coming from all different backgrounds. For Voccola that meant dealing with the introduction of point guard E.L. Adams '98 --a strong athlete with tremendous skill . For those two, the friction behind the offensive sets and who brought up the ball lasted to nearly the middle of the season when both realized the importance of working together to achieve their team's goals. It also took a long time for senior returnees: Voccola and Hilley to become accustomed to the totally different style of play which dealt with the increased depth and emphasized importance of the perimeter. During the '98 season the team was centered on star player John Qualter's who averaged twenty points a game and was by far the biggest single presence on the court. For the returnees as well as the rest of the team it was an understanding that this years team was filled with players that were of near equal skill that was crucial to the team's success in latter games. There was no room for one player to take priority over another. Some of that knowledge was what held the team from doing better early in the season.

Also the loss of a strong and confident scoring presence in the box was not overseen.

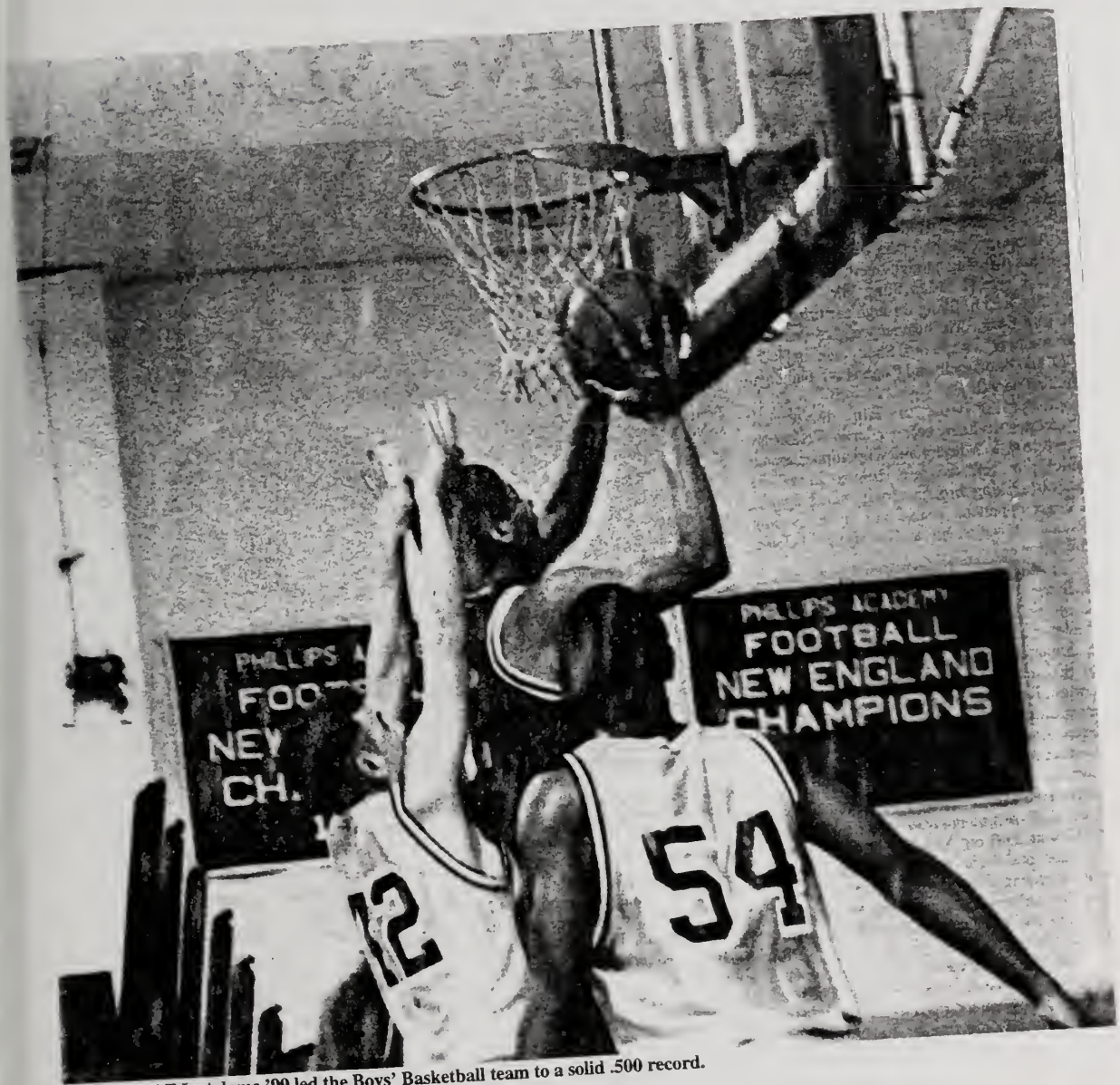
"For the first time in many years, we didn't have an Okike in the box", said Justin Voccola on the focus of the perimeter.

The team knew early on that they had a shooter in Post Graduate Aaron Ward, who provided a consistent threat from outside. For Andover, Ward's presence was "immensely games in which Ward scored thirty plus points, the majority of which were from beyond the three point line. It was not unlikely to see Ward hit six or seven three's on any given game. That reliance on Ward wasn't the downfall for team but rather the relief it needed during the middle of the season as it went 7-4 in the last eleven games. With other teams giving more attention to his shooting Andover was able to work off his double or even triple teams and drive the ball. Although only fifteen out of sixty or seventy points every game could only be attributed to the big men down low, they did however give Andover the much needed defensive and offensive rebounds that are essential to basketball at the high school level.

With two huge blowouts of twenty or more points against Exeter in the middle of the season that team was able to gain confidence that showed on the court. As the season progressed they went on to face the latter half with a new outlook that gave way to their most impressive win of the season against top ranked Worcester. However tensions that had been brewing under the surface for months finally came to a climax mid-season after a crushing loss to Tabor. Team Captain Voccola decided it was time to call a team meeting and talk about some of the problems that he felt were plaguing the team from the inside out. During the meeting Voccola asked everyone on the team to talk about what he could do to improve upon his game. However it wasn't just the specifics that made the meeting necessary. Every starter on the team with the exception of Rob Ramsey '99 was looking to play in college. This lead to a selfish playing trend to woo the scouts. This was unacceptable to Voccola who himself had sent a video of a game to several coaches at Division 3 schools. Noting the validity of its captain's argument the team rose to the new challenge and brought together everything that had to that point been held stagnant.

Going into the Prep - 5 tournament the team fell in the semi-finals to a strong, entirely P.G. starting Tabor in once again a tough loss. Oddly enough, it seems that in the end it was Andover's depth which hurt the team. When teams such as Tabor were able to bring in their eighth man and not have a big change in the tempo of the game, Andover faced severe consequences if it was to bring in some of the bench. The team was comprised of good athletes but come tournament time that athleticism was not enough to provide the team with a sure win. In fact it was the team's effort which enabled it to achieve the success it had.

No one is a psychic. It's never easy to see a team's capabilities. It is easy to see that some jumped to conclusions too early. The teamed filled its own expectations, and surprised others.



Point Guard E.L. Adams '99 led the Boys' Basketball team to a solid .500 record.

SPORT: BASKETBALL - GIRLS

YEAR: 1998-1999

CAPTAIN: Claire Coffey
HOME ADDRESS:

MANAGER:
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COACH: Karen Kennedy
ASSISTANT COACHES:

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COFFEY, CLAIRE M. (C)
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HU, MEI MEI
LANGSTON, SALLIE C.
MARTIN, K. CASEY
OKIKE, CHRISTINE A.
TSAI, LAUREN E.
WOODIN, HEATHER K.

Letter Winners

GIRL'S BASKETBALL

			PA	OPP
v. 21, 1998	(A)	Brooks (scrimmage)	No score	
c. 2, 1998	(H)	Brewster Academy	54	15
c. 5, 1998	(H)	Governor Dummer	60	47
c. 12, 1998	(A)	Thayer (scrimmage)	44	41
c. 13, 1998	(A)	Harvard	42	41
c. 14, 1998	(A)	Loomis-Chaffee	32	50
c. 15, 1998	(H)	New Hampton	47	37
n. 9, 1999	(A)	Choate	23	47
n. 13, 1999	(H)	Tabor	33	59
n. 16, 1999	(H)	Milton	58	63
n. 20, 1999	(A)	N.M.H.	62	46
n. 23, 1999	(A)	Deerfield	40	51
n. 27, 1999	(H)	N.A.P.S.	48	47
n. 29, 1999	(A)	Suffield	32	55
b. 3, 1999	(A)	Cushing	46	30
b. 6, 1999	(H)	Exeter	41	40
b. 10, 1999	(H)	St. Paul's	68	42
b. 17, 1999	(A)	B.B.&N.	47	26
b. 20, 1999	(H)	N.M.H.	51	38
b. 24, 1999	(H)	Tilton	47	37
b. 27, 1999	(A)	Exeter	41	47
rch 3, 1999	(A)	Deerfield	48	40

Sea Wolves Sink Lady Hoopsters

Momo Akade '00 has been a stellar presence so far this season for the Blue. Photo / D. Kurs

by Rowan Riley &
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PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITERS

Tabor	**59**
Andover	**33**

Hey 3-3 ain't bad. The girls' varsity basketball team has been taking care of business and has a promising season up ahead. The team's record thus far doesn't reflect the high caliber of playing seen out on those beautiful shiny courts where dreams are made.

The girls first few games were victories against very competitive teams (whose names have been changed to protect the innocent). Brewster, Governor Dummer, and Loomis Chaffee were all very impressive teams whose skills even extended as far as dribbling.

Although its game against Harvard ultimately resulted in a loss, the team played an incredible game against a more experienced and older team. The two teams were tied throughout the game and lost by a mere three points. Throughout all of these games Momo Akade '00 has been an unfaltering force on and off the court. She has routinely left her opponents speechless, with her 3-pointers and quick passes.

A Tabor player was quoted as saying, "Our team's motto is mo' Momo mo' problems." Her determination and intensity have impressed even the most critical of fans (it takes a lot to win us over). She was quoted as saying, "When we get going it's hard to stop us." We can only hope the team will build up its momentum for the upcoming games.

Tabor

Wednesday's game was a brave battle fought against a formidable team. Tabor Academy has a particularly strong team due to the fact that they returned all their starters. And although most of the Tabor was sweating like they were in labor, Andover eventually fell to the Sea Wolves by a final score of 59-33.

It was a valiant effort on the part of the big blue however, and one not to be taken lightly. Captain Claire Coffey '99, (who blames the loss on herself having not had her standard Captain Crunch and Coffey this morning), was quoted as saying, "A lot of us have had serious injuries which we are recovering from, and I think it sort of threw us off. So we weren't playing as usual, and Tabor has always had a very good team."

This knowledge and some hard practice, will hopefully prepare our girls for their game against Milton this Saturday at 3:00, where Andover's famed Slam will be making their stomping debut in usual Slam excellence. We hope you'll all be there for some light spirits and of course...lots of coffee.

1/13/99

Momo Akade '00

"Momo plays with a lot of heart. She's a quick player and loves to put the ball in the hoop."

- Teammate Liz Bramwell '00

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A protégé of the New York City playground basketball legend Pee Wee Kirkland and one of the top twenty-five high school basketball players in Massachusetts according to USA Today, Aimionoizomo Akade, known across campus simply as Momo, is far from just an ordinary basketball player.

Born in Nigeria to a Nigerian father and an American mother, Momo, her older sister Abebi, and her younger brother Azbuime moved to Brooklyn when Momo was three years old. Momo began her basketball career when she joined the school team at PS 346 in Brooklyn, New York during her sixth grade year. However, she really learned to love the game playing in gym class and on the playgrounds whenever she could. She continued developing her basketball skills during her seventh and eighth grade years, when she played in a community leagues and participated in numerous tournaments around Brooklyn.

Momo came to Phillips Academy as a freshman, and immediately made the varsity basketball team. As a lower, she won the starting point guard position and has held it ever since. During the 1997 season, Momo tied for the team records for assists in a game (4), steals in a game (6), and steals for the season (44). This past summer, Momo played for the Gauchos, a girls AAU team based in New York. With the team, she traveled to the Junior Nationals tournament and the Blue Star Camp, a prestigious camp attended by college recruiters.

Although she is only five feet tall, Momo makes her presence felt on the basketball court. In describing her own game, she comments that she tries to play smart, slowing down the tempo of the game, directing traffic, and, above all, being a team player. "I really like to get my teammates involved," she professes. Although Momo's modesty prevents her from boasting, teammate and captain Claire Coffey '99 is more than happy to speak on her behalf. "She's the best point guard I have ever worked with. Her ability to control the tempo of the game is amazing. She never shies away because of her size. She plays big," effuses Claire, and teammate Liz Bramwell agrees. "Momo plays with a lot of heart. She's a quick player and loves to put the ball in the hoop."

Momo's spectacular play has led the girls' basketball team to a 9-8 record thus far this season. Her first big game came against the Harvard JV squad, when Momo scored twenty-three points in a losing effort. However, in the team's next game, against the Loomis-Chaffee School, Momo scored twenty-one points and led the team to a victory. After returning to school from winter break, Momo helped the team break out of a minor funk by scoring twenty-one points to lead the Blue to a 60-43 victory over the Northfield-Mount Hermon School. Recently, Momo has been instrumental in the team's current three-game winning streak, comprised of wins over Cushing Academy, Phillips Exeter Academy, which was a huge win for the team, and the St. Paul's School. Momo and the rest of the girls have five games left in their regular season, which will be followed by interschols, to be held here at Phillips Academy, and then the tournament.

Far from being a one-dimensional person, Momo has many other interests in her life besides being a basketball phenom. She has run for the varsity track team in both her junior and lower years, and this year, as an upper, will captain the squad. During her junior year, she broke the junior, lower, and upper year records in the one-hundred yard dash. In addition, she is a member of the Andover-Exeter record-holding 4 x 100 yard relay team. As track teammate Jasmine Mitchell '99 put it, "Momo's a very talented runner with a lot of drive and spirit. She really knows how to perform exceptionally well, especially when she's under pressure." This fall, Momo made the girls's varsity soccer team for the first time. Her speed allowed her, from her right back position, to prevent many opponents from scoring. Momo is also a member of the school's Athletic Advisory Board.

In addition to being a tri-varsity athlete, Momo lends her experience and savvy to the freshman girls in Nathan Hale dormitory. During her scarce free time, Momo participates in AfLatAm and hangs out with her friends.

Although she has another year here at Phillips Academy, Momo hopes to attend either Yale or Princeton University, where she wants to play basketball and run track. After college, Momo has set her sights on becoming an engineer. Based on her current track record, Momo will undoubtedly have success in anything she attempts.

Girls' Basketball Knocks Off Lady Hoggers of NMH

by Rowan Riley &
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Andover	59
NMH	43

Rowan and I were in a fog earlier today, we didn't know how to capture the spirit of Wednesday's mesmerizing game against NMH, where our little Michael Jordans won by 16 points. So, we thought we could give the play-by-play of the game, but it was away and so that wasn't an option (of course we were there in spirit, cheering on our sweethearts).

Then, we thought we could use a lot of action words to keep our audience interested, but we forgot our Webster's so that plan fell through also. Finally, we decided to give you a candid interview with the team's fearless leader, Claire "two sugars" Coffey. We talked to Claire about life, love and of course basketball. She has been playing consistently well this season, and was the high scorer for the team's last two games. Although there have been many hills to overcome this season, Claire has been the driving force behind the team's unwavering spirit. She is a woman of strong actions and little words, frequently using grunts and head banging as a form of communication on the court.

These primal urges not only serve as a distraction to the other team, but keep our little slices of angel food cake from divulging important information to the opposing team. This new-age approach to team communication on the court, definitely payed-off this Wednesday. NMH was not only confused by all the grunting and ritual dancing, but also by Claire's astonishing 21 points. When asked about her performance in the game, Coffey had only this to say, "Whoomp there it is." Whoomp they sure did, coming from behind at half-time by 7 points. Mo' Wheaties mo' Defeaties Akade '00 was quoted as saying, "Everyone on the team came through and played strong, partly due to what we learned from Saturdays defeat."

Saturday's game against Milton certainly was a learning experience for the whole family. The game was close and our little princesses fought hard until the end. Despite our frequent vocal encouragement and Slam's rhythmic accompaniment, the team seemed a little out of step. It's been a tough season so far with injuries and the girls have had to play despite the many set-backs. Captain Coffey however, remained a ray of light, scoring a total of 24 points, a career best. She had this to say about the disappointing loss, "It was a lack of confidence and we have to learn to take control of the game more often."

She promptly offered us a ride in her coop, but we politely declined due to our lack of car permission and a sudden need to shoop. With Deerfield coming up on Saturday, the girls may want to do some shooping of their own.

1/20/99

Girls' Hoops Top NAPS

by Anna Valeo
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Deerfield	**51**
Andover	**40**
Andover	**48**
N.A.P.S.	**47**

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

After a hard fought loss against Deerfield on Saturday, the girls basketball team earned what will hopefully be the first win of a new-found streak. Without a doubt, this year's squad has definite depth. All the way from 5'11 Claire Coffey '99, a forced to be reckoned with in the key, to the agile ball handling of nimble guard Momo Akade '00, the girls are endowed with skill. All they need to move forward now is hard work.

Last Saturday's game against a tough Deerfield squad had even onerous beginnings. Forward Liz Bramwell '00 was sidelined by hamstring injuries and post-graduate Sally Langston '99 suffers from a torn ACL, and will thus be out rehabilitating for the rest of the season. In addition to a much-disrupted starting lineup,the girls got off to a rocky start, as captain Claire Coffey '99 found herself in early foul trouble. Capitalizing upon these disadvantages, Deerfield had the Blue pinned 24-17 at the half.

Throughout the game two stars on Deerfield Academy's forward line in particular eluded the baffled Blue. Although there were many strong individual performances by Andover players, and the team was an impressive 77% from the free-throw line for the day, Deerfield still emerged victorious with a score of 51-40.

Although Saturday's loss to the strong Deerfield team was disheartening to the Blue, it did function to highlight the areas in which Andover needed work. Whatever aspects of the game Coach Karen Kennedy chose to work on must have been the right ones, for Wednesday's win against Naval Academy Prep School was a great improvement over the unrewarded efforts of the frustrating Deerfield contest.

Despite a close score throughout the entire first half, the girls proved early on that they would control the game's tempo. N.A.P.S. was playing a collapsed defense, which forced the perimeter players to move the ball more quickly and effectively around the outside. Guard Heather Woodin '01 sank multiple three pointers, thus capitalizing on the holes in the N.A.P.S. defense.

As the last minutes of the first half ticked away, the Blue was ahead 23-22 when Christine Anneberg '00 netted a flawless fade-away jump shot, putting the girls up 25-22. The dynamic Coffey -Akade combination proceeded to score on at least three breakaways, as one sole N.A.P.S. defender repeatedly gave up the base line.

While the second half may not have equaled the first in intensity, the Blue managed to remain a force as the clock wound down to the final buzzer. With twenty-seven seconds left to play, and the Blue up 48-41, the offense gave up a frightening back-court turnover (and, subsequently, a three pointer), giving N.A.P.S. the opportunity to threaten Andover's lead of 48-45 with fourteen seconds to go. Despite the too-close-for-comfort N.A.P.S. comeback, the girls held off their opponents, 48-47.

Tonight the girls face Suffield, a strong and dynamic team loaded with talented postgraduates . In hopes of rising to the challenge, captain Claire Coffey proclaims: "Suffield is a very good...very, very good team- but we can do it!" If the team does in fact succeed in such a daunting task, there is no telling how far they can go.

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Girls' Hoops Splits

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After enduring the wrath of a highly talented Suffield team, the Blue bounced back to demolish Cushing in what proved to be a reminder: all talent is relative. Against the strength, height and depth of a strong Cushing team the Blue came up short by a margin of twenty points. Conversely, when faced with the likes of a smaller less aggressive Cushing squad, the girls looked huge, the bench players ample, and the coach definitely more satisfied.

Suffield

In Friday highly anticipated match against the giants of Suffield Academy, the Blue surrendered a hard fought 62-42 loss. The girls were eluded by the strong offense of their opponents, and also their enormous size. Despite strong individual performances like that of guard Louisa Butler '02, the Blue struggled to defend the accuracy of the Suffield shooters, both outside and on the boards. By the first half, the girls were down by 29 points. Captain Claire Coffey '99 and forward Christine Anneberg '00, normally the high scorers of every game were slowed by the Suffield defense, netting a mere six points respectively despite their unyielding efforts. Anneberg, a strong asset to the forward line, injured her ankle in practice on Tuesday.

Cushing

It did not take long for the team to fall back in stride, and walk all over the Cushing girls. That is not to say this past Wednesday's strong 48-30 victory did not come without obstacles. With team leader Anneberg on the injured list, and still without the talent of Post Grad Sallie Langston due to a torn ACL the girls got off to a slow start. At the half, the Blue was up by a close 20-17 lead, definitely not indicative of the team's ability in comparison to the lesser Cushing squad.

Coach Kennedy stressed a strong second half. The girls needed to mentally fix their start-up problem in order to pull through for the win. Finally stepping up to their capacity as a unit, the Blue made some great connections. The ever-present Akade-Coffey duo was in full swing by the final buzzer, setting the score to 48-30.

Humbled by Suffield's sharp shooters and victorious after annihilating Cushing the Big Blue moves on with a newfound tenacity. This weekend they take on Exeter, for the first in a series of two contests against the rival red.

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2/3/99

by Anna Valeo
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS ASSOCIATE

Andover	**41**
Exeter	**40**
Andover	**68**
St. Pauls	**42**

This week the Blue's height, depth and tenacity served it well. Faced with two strong opponents, Exeter and St. Paul's, the girls played tough defense and emerged with a narrow win over the Red and a blowout of St. Paul's. The girls left the week with renewed confidence and momentum, as they try to finish the season on a high note.

Despite the equal ability of both teams, the Red had pinned Andover by a ten point margin in the first half. The Blue called a time out, and Coach Kennedy stressed that mentally the game was "far from over." She also noted it was imperative that the girls shoot accurately and play aggressive base line defense. Coach K's words in the huddle were duly executed, for not only did the blue carry the adrenaline of the contest for the rest of the game, but they also stepped into the smartest stretch of play they have hit thus far in the season.

Not only was the Exeter contest a game of the shining starters: Liz Bramwell '00, Claire Coffey '00, Lauren Tsai '00, Heather Woodin '00, and Momo Akade '00; it was also a time for the depth of the Blue's bench to be felt. Casey Martin '02 sunk the first of two textbook fade-away jumpers from inside, the other from captain Claire Coffey '99, to set the blue on a winning track. Martin's focus was notable throughout all her play in the first half. When released from her place on the bench the young guard radiated contagious intensity-exactly the element of play necessary to pin down the skilled Red.

In the second half the Blue frustratingly found itself stuck two or three points behind Exeter. Overcoming the Red was no small feat. Their post players had height, and their point guard's footwork was all over the court, but the Blue fought back in every aspect of their game. Liz Bramwell '00 consistently snared rebounds from higher than any Exeter player could reach. From the free throw line, the team shot a strong 76%. The defense played tighter and more collapsed after reading the inaccuracy of Exeter's outside shooters.

With four minutes left to play and the Blue down 35-40, Exeter became lethargic in holding their lead. Capitalizing on the lack of spirit in their opponents, the Blue sent guard Momo Akade '00 through the key, forcing Exeter to carelessly commit two fouls. After Akade's composed foul shooting and a series of crowd-torturing turnovers, Andover was behind 38-40 with eight seconds remaining on the clock. Nothing was left to do but utilize the team's most effective weapon. The scrappy point guard-forward duo of Akade-Coffey snared a crucial interception, where Akade fed to Coffey who netted an easy jump shot to tie the game.

With the score board at 40-40 and only two seconds on the clock, forward Liz Bramwell '00 drew the most crucial foul of the game. Focused and composed from the free-throw line, Bramwell netted her second shot, sending the losing Red home.

Having defeated Exeter, both the Blue's confidence and league standing improved. Wednesday's game, another victory, over St. Paul's school was described by injured forward Christine Anneberg '00 as a time for the team to "work out its kinks." Experimentation with a more aggressive inside game proved especially successful to the Blue's 68-42 win.

The adrenaline of Saturday's contest carried over to Wednesday's match against the smaller less aggressive St. Paul's squad. The height of forwards Coffey, Bramwell, and Ajose seemed to tower over S.P.S., with each racking up five rebounds or more. St. Paul's was also quick to turn over the ball, whereas the accuracy of open Blue shooters took S.P.S. by storm.

By the half Andover was comfortably in the lead, but intensity remained high throughout the entire game. With nine points and seven assists Akade remained a force, and the younger end of the bench proved once again the depth of the Big Blue. Casey Martin '02 was a definite force with two assists in the first half. Louisa Butler '02 also from the younger end of the roster stepped up, eluding a St. Paul's defender in two different one on ones, once to score and once to assist Meimei Hu 99 in a left handed drive on net. Defensively, the Blue played tighter to force St. Paul's beyond the key, where they were not a shooting threat. Low tower defenders Coffey and Bramwell had numerous stuffs, stifling S.P.S. shooters, left only to try their luck with low base line shots which occasionally proved effective.

The Blue has made great strides this week. The tight win over Exeter was a great emotional boost, and the girls put forth the maximum effort against St, Paul's, even when they could have comfortably cruised to victory. The girls' play was proof of Coach Kennedy's remark "...by no means is this game over..."

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2/10/99

Girls' Hoops Dominates BB&N Team Continues Winning Ways

by Anna Valeo
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS ASSOCIATE

Andover	**47**
BB&N	**28**

This past Wednesday, the girls' varsity basketball squad defeated BB&N 47-28, the first victory of the four they need to take them on to the New England Tournament. The team dominated BB&N's Class B squad with ease, but next week presents a much greater challenge. With games against NMH next Saturday and Milton on the slate for the following Wednesday, BB&N was just a pre-game show in preparation for next week's high-caliber schedule.

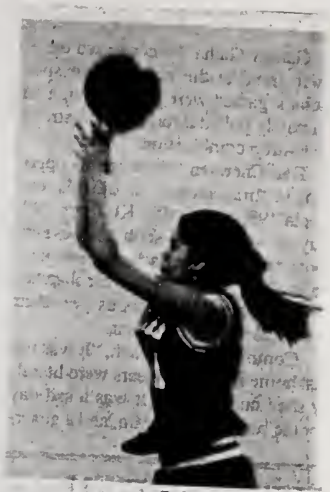
For the entire first half, the Blue maintained control of the ball. Commenting from the sidelines due to a bad cold, Captain Claire Coffey '99 said, "Since our win over Exeter, everyone has stayed positive. We have all been playing really well." The Blue's confidence definitely showed through. Intensity was high despite BB&N's lack of stand-out players, especially in the point guard position, where PA guard Momo Akade '00 found no competition.

At the half, Andover was up 32-11. Offensively, the forwards were showing the strengths which will need to remain constant for the next three crucial games. Forward Liz Bramwell '00 had thirteen of the team's thirty-five offensive rebounds. Bunmi Ajose '00, who started in place of Coffey, also played well on the boards, pulling down nine rebounds for the day along with Christine Okike's '01 ten.

It was the intensity of the first half that earned the Blue its twenty-two point lead. Quick ball movement and high scoring by Bramwell, Lauren Tsai '00 and Okike eluded the smaller BB&N defenders. The team totaled twenty-two steals for the day—exactly the kind of play necessary to carry it on to New England tournament. Though throughout the second half, the Blue's intensity slowly declined. In the words of injured forward Christine Anneberg '00, "In the second half, we got lazy. The whole game just slowed down. We did not run nearly as hard on them. Our forwards needed to take it to them more." Due to Andover's dominating lead, Coach Karen Kennedy switched the lineup for the end of the second half.

Akade, who is always a tremendous force at point guard, struggled in her second half. When commenting on her own play she explained "I was not looking to take them on. I wanted to feed to Liz [Bramwell] instead of go one on one with their defenders." BB&N's defense was collapsed and not nearly as aggressive as Andover's. Akade further explained, "From the outside, I really had trouble connecting. I never got in my rhythm." Any inconsistency in Akade's play comes as a huge surprise. Along with teammates Coffey and Bramwell, she was nominated to play in the New England All-Star Game on February 28th. A committee selected the best players from Class A; Akade and Bramwell will attend.

There were many strong individual performances in the second half, but the Blue deteriorated as a unit. Lauren Tsai '00 had nine turnovers and three blocks. Heather Woodin '01 found success at the outside with four three pointers. Despite these standout performances, the second half dip in intensity left the scoreboard at a final 47-28 win over a much less capable team.



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Liz Bramwell '00 rises above the competition to score two against BB&N

With eight wins and six losses, the next few games decide the path this team will take. Facing the strength of NMH, Milton and Exeter the girls need to increase their second-half intensity if they want a secure standing in the New England tournament. Having already defeated two of the three teams in next week's lineup, point guard Momo Akade stressed "We really have to kill NMH and Exeter again. We have taken care of them both once already. We simply need to play hard."

2/17/99

Clutch Shooting Sink Exeter;

Liz Bramwell '00, who led all scores with 17 points on the day, goes up for two.

Photo / D. Kurs

Girls Roll

GIRLS PLAGUED BY INJURIES

Lose to Rival Exeter in Second Round of NE Tourney

by Claire Coffey and Christine Anneberg
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITERS

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

The girls' varsity basketball team had a very successful season despite facing many obstacles throughout the course of the winter. Going into the season, there was a lot of experience, but not a lot of senior leadership. Captain Claire Coffey '99 and post-graduate Sallie Langston were the team's only seniors, but upperclassmen Bunmi Ajose '00, Momo Akade '00, Christine Anneberg '00, Liz Bramwell '00, and Lauren Tsai '00 all stepped up their leadership roles on and off the court. Also returning from last year's squad to help form the backbone of the team were Heather Woodin '01 and Christine Okike '01. Key additions to this year's team were Mei Mei Hu '00 and energetic freshmen Louisa Butler and Casey Martin.

Preseason play proved to everyone that this year's team would be hard to stop. The first few games against Brooks, Brewster, and Thayer gave the team an opportunity to size itself up against the competition, and all signs seemed to point to the top! Unfortunately the girls' plan for hard work and persistence was not as easily achieved as they had hoped. The first setback the team faced was the illness of Bramwell. The absence of the team's 6'3" starting center impacted the squad's makeup immensely. The next downfall to occur was the season-ending injury of Langston. Her torn ACL early in the season not only affected the girls' play, but depressed their spirits as well. The dream of playing in a post-season championship game seemed to be dwindling further and further away. If Bramwell's mono and Langston's torn ACL were not enough to dampen the vitality of this basketball team, the added ankle injuries of Tsai and Ajose in mid-season certainly did.

Nevertheless, the team's morale eventually began to grow. The girls learned to play bigger and better than they had before. No longer were they reliant on one or two key players, but instead each took initiative and leadership into her own hands. The team then went on a large winning streak. With a 41-40 victory over Exeter on its home court, the squad knew it had a shot at the tournament. As luck would have it, Andover's troubles were not over yet. With the unfortunate ankle injury of Anneberg near the end of the season and a similar injury to Coffey, the team did not lose hope. The combined efforts of the entire team and coaching staff, including Head Coach Karen Kennedy and assistants Marlys Edwards and Sarah Manekin, enabled the Blue to once again pull through and gain a spot in the tournament.

In the quarterfinal game against second-seeded Deerfield Academy, the girls, seeded seventh, were able to pull together a strong win, even with the absence of two integral players. In the semifinal game, the girls faced archrival Exeter in the two teams' third matchup of the season. Cheering fans filled the Borden Gym, and the Big Blue fought hard, but to no avail. Although disappointed with their loss, the girls realized that they had played one of their finest games; a game which signified a total team effort.

Looking to next year, the girls are anxious for revenge. With all but two players returning and the addition of several strong recruits, the team, under the leadership of captain-elect Akade, promises to be a real threat.

SPORT: ICE HOCKEY - BOYS

YEAR: 1998 - 1999

CAPTAIN: Brett Farson
HOME ADDRESS:

MANAGER: Anissa Smith
HOME ADDRESS:

COACH: Christopher Gurry
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DARCI, SCOTT A.
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MEAD, STEVEN R.
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PAA, MICHAEL D.
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ROTONDI, EUGENE B., IV
SEDENO, RONALDA T.(M)
SINEX, JONATHAN E.
TURNER, MICHAEL P., Jr.
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YORTY, CHRISTOPHER J.

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Letter winners

BOY'S ICE HOCKEY

			PA	OPP
Nov. 23, 1998	(A)	Governor Dummer Academy	3	5
Dec. 2 1998	(H)	St. Paul's	4	2
Dec. 5, 1998	(H)	St. Mark's	2	1
Dec. 12, 1998	(A)	Harvard JV	4	4
Dec. 13, 1998	(H)	Tabor	5	8
Dec. 14, 1998	(A)	Milton	3	4
Dec. 15, 1998	(H)	Tilton	5	2
Dec. 18, 1998	(A)	Milton	1	4
Dec. 19, 1998	(A)	Salisbury	3	4
Dec. 19, 1998	(A)	Deerfield	1	5
Dec. 20, 1998	(A)	K.U.A.	6	0
Jan. 9, 1999	(A)	Choate	2	4
Jan. 10, 1999	(H)	Alumni (exibition)	3	4
Jan. 13, 1999	(H)	Bridgeton Academy	5	1
Jan. 16, 1999	(H)	Exeter	2	4
Jan. 20, 1999	(A)	Berwick Academy	8	0
Jan. 23, 1999	(H)	Nobles	3	2
Jan. 25, 1999	(A)	Lawrence Academy	0	4
Jan. 27, 1999	(H)	Middlesex	7	3
Jan. 30, 1999	(H)	Loomis-Chaffee	7	2
Feb. 3, 1999	(A)	Deerfield	0	5
Feb. 6, 1999	(H)	B.B.&N.	5	2
Feb. 10, 1999	(A)	K.U.A.	4	1
Feb. 12, 1999	(H)	Pingree	10	1
Feb. 13, 1999	(H)	Belmont Hill	4	1
Feb. 17, 1999	(A)	Cushing	3	7
Feb. 20, 1999	(A)	Tabor	3	5
Feb. 24, 1999	(H)	N.M.H.	4	0
Feb. 27, 1999	(A)	Exeter	3	5

SQUAD STATISTICS

	NAME & HOME ADDRESS	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	CLASS	POSITION
	Scott Barci Marblehead, MA	5'8	160	L-2001	Center / Wing
3	Michael Turner Melrose, MA	6'1	205	U-2000	Defense
5	Scott Ward Boxford, MA	6'0	185	L-2001	Defense
8	Eric Chase Montclair, NJ	5'10	170	L-2001	Defense
9	Jonathan Sinex Lutherville, MD	5'10	185	U-2000	Wing
10	Michael Murphy Andover, MA	5'8	160	U-2000	Wing
11	Steven Mead Warminster, PA	5'9	165	L-2001	Defense
14	Timothy Barnes Topsfield, MA	5'10	160	L-2001	Defense
15	Charles Pesor Greenwich, CT	5'10	165	U-2000	Wing
16	M. Halsey Coughlin Lincoln, MA	6'2	200	S-1994	Center
17	Ian Cropp Williamsville, NY	5'8	160	L-2001	Wing
18	Justin Blanck Tewksbury, MA	5'9	170	U-2000	Center
19	Ryan Dempsey Malvern, PA	6'1	210	U-2000	Defense
20	John O'Connor Milton, MA	6'2	210	S-1999	Wing

SQUAD STATISTICS

	NAME & HOME ADDRESS	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	CLASS	POSITION
21	Robert Jaros Omaha, NE	5'9	160	S-1999	Wing
23	Mark Ottaviano Reading, MA	6'0	180	U-2000	Defense
25	Eugene Rotondi Winchester MA	5'7	160	L-2001	Wing
26	Chris Yorty Richboro, PA	6'0	180	U-2000	Defense
27	Brett Farsan Greenwich, CT	5'9	175	S-1999	Wing
33	Jaffrie Perrotti Winthrop, MA	6'1	185	S-1999	Goalie
30	Benjamin Hall Andover, MA	6'1	170	U-2000	Goalie
31	Theodore Novak Chicago, IL	6'0	180	L-2001	Goalie
1	Miguel Paz Del Mar, CA	5'10	160	L-2001	Goalie

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Choate	**4**
Andover	**2**

Andover	**4**
Bridgton	**3**

BOYS' HOCKEY

After returning from a Christmas break during which it competed in the Flood-Marr Christmas tournament, and in games against Tabor, Tilton, Milton, and the Harvard JV team (during which time the team went 2-5-1), the Andover boys' varsity hockey team made the three hour journey down to Wallingford, Connecticut to face the number one ranked Wild Boars of Choate.

Choate

A combination of the long bus ride, a two week lay-off, and sloppy play helped Andover fall behind by three goals in the first period. Defenseman Chris Yorty '00 said, "We came out very flat in the first period; we weren't making good enough passes or back-checking well enough to compete with the number one team in New England." Starting in net for the Blue was post-graduate goalie Jaffrie Perotti, who, through his own admission, hadn't played one of his better periods.

Things began to turn around for the Big Blue in the second period when Halsey Coughlin '99 scored on the power-play off of a nice shot from the point. Screening Choate's goalie were Yorty and Jon Sinex '00.

Sinex later commented about the team's first goal: "It was good to finally to put one in on the power play after having a sub-par success rate over Christmas." A few minutes later Scott Darci '01 added another tally when he knocked in the loose rebound from his own shot, bringing Andover to within one goal. However, less then a minute before the end of the second, Choate scored another sloppy goal, marked by poor defensive play and back-checking from Andover.

In the third period, the play continued to be fast, but slightly more physical than the previous two as fatigue began to play a factor. Although both teams played very tough in the final sixteen minutes, it resulted with no changes to the scoreboard, leaving Andover with a discouraging 4-2 loss.

After the game, Charles Resor '00 said, "It was a good game for us. I think that, aside from the first period, we played well and really came together as a team."

Bridgton

Andover returned to its home rink on Wednesday to face Bridgton Academy, a team from Maine composed of all post graduates. Although Andover dominated the first period with aggressive offensive play and relentless forechecking, Bridgton drew first blood. Capitalizing on a defensive miscue by an Andover defenseman, Bridgton forward Dan Marshall put the puck past goalie Jaffrie Perotti on his team's first shot of the game. Darci tied the game at 11:18 into the first with a shot from the left circle. On the power play for the second time in the game, and with inside of a minute to play in the first, Andover took the lead on a goal by Yorty, who put home a rebound from a Coughlin shot. After the completion of one, Andover retired to the locker room, up 2-1.

The Big Blue came out flying in the second with good play from the first three lines and defensive pairings. Each team tried to take control of the period as they battled back and forth, until Jon Sinex '00 scored on a nice rebound shot to grab the momentum for the Blue.

Shortly thereafter Darci added another tally to give the Blue a commanding 4-1 lead. There was a tense moment for Andover a few moments later when both Coughlin and Yorty were called for penalties, giving Bridgton a power play. The penalty-killing unit of Sinex, Brett Farson '99, Mike Turner '00, and Scott Ward '01 rose to the challenge, preventing Bridgton from capitalizing on this opportunity.

With the clock winding down in the second, Sinex got his second goal when he received a pass from Farson at the top of the circle, and placed the shot right inside the left post.

As the Blue came out for the third period it replaced Jaffrie with the back-up goalie Ben Hall '00 and began to rotate all four lines into play. In the third, although the Blue continued to skate hard, the frustrated Bridgton players became quite chippy and physical with the smaller Andover players. In the final minutes of the game a few small skirmishes broke out causing penalties on both sides and the ejection of a Bridgton player.

Bridgton was unable to create any quality offensive opportunity during the final period and the game ended with Andover winning 5-1.

If the Blue is to make a run at the post-season, it will need to start getting some quality victories. On Saturday the team will have a chance for one of those victories when rival Exeter comes to town. Exeter, always a strong team, has been off to a good start this year and will surely provide Andover with a tough test.

Boys' Hockey Bounces Loss with Convincing Back from Choate Victory over Bridgton

The boys' hockey team went 1-1 this week, and now prepares for its match-up against arch-rival Exeter tomorrow at 5:00.

Photo / D. Kurs

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PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITERS

Andover	3
Nobles	2

Lawrence	4
Andover	0

Andover	7
Middlesex	1

BOYS' HOCKEY

On Saturday, the boys' varsity hockey team faced the number six ranked ranked team from Nobles. In the words of Chris Yorty '00 "This was a pivotal game for us, facing a highly ranked team."

Nobles

In the first period powerful hitting and end-to-end play were showcased. Nobles struck first on an early power play opportunity, when a Nobles defenseman shot into traffic a puck that was then tipped in. Halfway through the first, Justin Blanch '00 received a pass from Gino Rotundi '01 from the right corner and was able to snap off a shot into the upper corner, thus tying the score at one. Play continued to be fast and furious, but no more goals were scored.

In the opening minutes of the second period, defenseman Steve Mead '01 too a slapshot from the left point. The puck was tipped twice by Nobles players yet somehow still found its way into the net. Nobles quickly struck back, however, with another power play goal. Though this tally concluded the scoring for the second period, it didnít conclude the aggressive offensive play by both teams.

The Blue headed into the third period confident that they could both win this pivotal game and attack Nobles on both the fore-check and back-check. This intense style of play paid off in the first few minutes of the third period when Mike Turner '00 skated down the right wing and snapped off a pass across the goal mouth to Scott Darci '01. Darci one-timed Turner's pass to Jon Sinex '00, who was wide open in front of the net and was able to put it past the goalie. This shot, described as "a beautiful goal, one of the best I have seen all season," by Charlie Resor '00, put the Blue up by one and turned out to be the game winner. Nobles became desperate and chippy, but the play remained very intense. In the final minute of the period Nobles pulled their goalie, but was unable to capitalize on any opportunities with the extra man. The game ended with an excited Andover team and a dejected Nobles squad.

Lawrence

Two short days later, The Blue traveled down 495 to Groton, MA to face Lawrence Academy, the #3-ranked team in new England. As expected, Lawrence was a very talented team and many Andover players expressed sentiments that this was the best team they have faced all season. Mike Murphy '00 recalled that Lawrence was an "extremely quick, talented and well disciplined team." Although the Blue skated well throughout the entire game, by game's end it had simply been overwhelmed by Lawrence's immense talent.

In the first period both teams played aggressively, but it was soon evident that Lawrence was a better team. It was first able to score midway through the first on a 2-on-1 break and was also able to keep the Blue from capitalizing on any offensive opportunities. Lawrence was able to score twice more in the second and once more in the third, bringing the final score to 4-0. This was a tough loss for the Blue, especially following such a strong proformance against Nobles.

Middlesex

After another day of pratice, the Blue met ISL doormat Middlesex. The play throughout the game was very sloppy with many careless mistakes on both sides. The Middlesex squad, although extremely weak, was the first to score when it put one in on a 2-on-1 break five minutes into the first period. Bobby Jaros '99 answered back minutes later when he received a pass from Resor, skated the puck down the length of the ice, eluded two defenseman, and put a shot past the goalie from the right faceoff circle. Darci scored the period's final goal when he flicked a shot from the right corner off the goalie's left leg into the net.

In the scond period Sinex picked up the puck in the left corner, stickhandled his way through two defenseman, and fired a shot over the goal line. At 7:37 into the period Athlete of the Week Brett Farson '99 onetimed a pass from Halsey Coughlin '99 on a 2-on-1 break into the Middlesex zone, placing the shot by the off-angled goalie. Rotundi also tallied in the second with a wrist shot from the left circle with six minutes remaining in the period. Later on, and on a Powerplay no less, Andover, on a miscue by Yorty, gave up a breakaway to a Middlesex player who proceeded to score Middlesex's second and final goal on the day. The pace of play in the third continued to be slow and unexciting, although Sinex and Darci both scored again, notching two goals apiece on the day.

If it is to regain the momentum found after the Noble's contest, Andover must look past the Middlesex game, the loss to Lawrence, and the injury to Jaros in order to prepare for its upcoming games against two respectable teams: Loomis-Chafee and #1 ranked Deerfield.

Exeter Dumps Boys' Hockey

ey Coughlin '99, above, wrestles for a face-off in rday's game against Exeter. Photo / D. Kurs

Hockey Mauls Middlesex

ockey team had plenty of offense against Middlesex on Wednesday Photo / D. Magnus

by Matt Scriven & Joe Mattison
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITERS

Exeter	3
Andover	2

Andover	8
Berwick	0

On Saturday the Andover boys' varsity hockey team met its Red counterparts at home for its annual mid-season Andover-Exeter game. This was an important game for the Blue, who not only faced a highly ranked opponent, but also its arch-rival in the Griffins' hockey team. The game was played in front of a capacity crowd and was marked by fast, intense play throughout.

In the first period, Andover's weakest of the game, the Griffins seemed to be the more dominant of the two teams. Exeter controlled most of the period and scored on a rebound shot after the Blue turned over the puck midway through the first. Meanwhile, the Blue was unable to generate any quality offensive opportunities and experienced more power play futility as they went 0-3 with a man advantage.

They boys came out flying in the second, but once again they were unable to capitalize on any scoring or powerplay opportunities. Exeter, on the other hand, was able to capitalize and did so in the first few minutes of the period, on a 2-on-1 break in the Andover zone. The pace of the game was quick in the second with many end-to-end rushes by both teams. According to Mark Ottariano '00, "Although we didn't skate as well as Exeter in the first two periods, we played some of our best hockey to date in one of the best contests we have competed in this year."

After the second intermission, the Blue brought the intensity up another notch, due to its desire not to lose to Exeter at its home rink. Again the momentum switched sides repeatedly with many offensive opportunities for both teams until when, midway through the third period, Justin Blanch '00 knocked the puck in off of a loose rebound in front of the net. This crucial goal ignited the Blue, sending Andover on an offensive rampage for the rest of the period. A few minutes after Blanch's goal, Scott Darci '01 tipped in a Mike Turner '00 shot from the point to even the score at 2 apiece. Although the Blue kept up its pace, a fluke goal off of a redline dump-in shot gave the lead back to the Griffins with only a minute thirty left in the game. Andover then pulled its goalie in an attempt to mount a last-minute offensive surge. However, with only seconds left on the clock an Exeter player broke out of the zone and netted an empty net goal, putting the game out of reach for good. Following the game, Charles Resor '00 commented: "It was a frustrating loss because we played really well, especially in the third," Jon Sinex '00 added "we played really well but need to learn how to finish stronger."

On Wednesday Andover traveled north to Berwick, Maine to face Berwick Academy. As expected, Berwick was a very weak team, and could not compete with the likes of the Big Blue. Although the match provided little competition, it was a good game for the Blue because it had the ability to use players who don't usually see much action. In addition, the abscence of sick players Mike Turner '00, Halsey Coughlin '99 and Jaffrie Perotti '99, forced younger players to step up and make big plays. Lower Scott Darci stepped up in a big way with four goals, as did goalie Ben Hall '00, who had a shout-out between the pipes in his second start of the season.

As a team, the Blue played well on both sides of the puck, offensively scoring eight goals and defensively only allowing seven shots on net. The scoring spree began just over a minute and a half into the first period, when Darci received a pass from Blanch behind the net and put a wrap around shot in off the goalie's left skate. A few minutes later Sinex received a pass from captain Brett Farson '99 at the right face-off circle, skated into the middle, and put the puck past the Berwick goalie. With 7:30 left in the period Resor put in a wide open rebound from an Ottariano shot.

In the second Darci once again opened up the scoring when he received a pass from Blanch and put it past the goalie. John O'Connor '99 added a goal of his own when he banged in the rebound from a Scott Ward '01 shot. With 1:21 to go in the period, Darci achieved his first career hat trick when he intercepted a pass, deeked the goalie, and fired it past his glove hand. Darci added his 4th goal eleven seconds later on what Chris Yorty '00 describes as "the best execution of a 3 on 2 we have seen all year." The goal came when Darci carried the puck into the offensive zone, dropped it to Blanch, who cut to the outside and sent a cross-ice pass to Gino Rotundi '01, who in turn found Darci alone in front of the net for the easy goal.

During the third period, in an effort not to embarrass Berwick Academy, the Blue attempted to curb scoring. However two minutes and forty-five seconds into the period Mike Murphy '00 found the back of the net on a pass from Robert Jaros '99. Murphy's goal capped off the Blue's eight-goal scoring bonanza. The remaining part of the third period was dreary, as it displayed lackluster play and only a few shots by both squads. After the game Murphy said "It was a good game to build back our confidence and gain momentum for our upcoming games."

On Saturday The Blue will face #9 ranked team Noble & Greenough. This contest will be a critical mid-season matchup for the Blue, and in particular for postgraduate O'Connor, who will face his former teammates. The following Wednesday the Blue plays another ISL power, Middlesex, in its quest for New England prominence.

Deerfield Tames Boys' Hockey

by Joe Mattison & Matt Scriven
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITERS

Andover	**7**
Loomis	**2**

Deerfield	**4**
Andover	**0**

After an unimpressive win against Middlesex, the Andover boys' hockey team met the Pelicans from Loomis Chaffee at home for a Saturday afternoon matinee. From very early on in the contest Andover established its dominance over the visiting squad and eventually won 7-2.

Loomis

The first period of play was dominated by the Blue as Loomis Chaffee was rarely able to create an offensive opportunity. The scoring was opened by Jon Sinex '00 who, coming off the bench, as Charlie Resor's '00 replacement, received a quick pass from Mike Murphy '00 and with a quick deak easily beat the Lumis goalie at 9:46. Although this was the only goal tallied in the period, play was dominated by the Blue who were bigger and stronger.

The second period began with lacksadaisical play by an overconfident Andover squad, which Loomis quickly took advantage of and scored on an error by the Blue at 13:03. Loomis's goal was a wake up call to the Blue as roughly two minutes later Scott Darci '01 dug the puck out from behind the net and gave a pass to a wide open Justin Blanch '00. He roofed the shot past the goalie's right shoulder for the goal. Blanch's goal was crucial as it gave momentum back to the Blue and opened a scoring surge for the Blue. Seconds later Halsey Coughlin '99 continued the scoring as he redirected a Mike Turner '00 shot from the point, past the helpless Loomis goalie. The Blue continued to play hard and began to wear down its opponents. At 6:14 in the second period the Loomis goalie unwisely got a penalty by delaying the game. On the ensuing powerplay the Blue perfectly executed a draw in the offensive zone. The draw was won by Coughlin back to turner who drew a man and dished it to Chris Yorty '00 who drew another man and dished it to a wide open Sinex who one-timed the pass past the goalie. Sinex's goal after the game was described by Yorty as "wow even a chip could have put that goal in." The scoring was not over yet as Blanch, with one minute remaining in the period, made a great individual play by intercepting a pass in the offensive zone and rifling a shot past the goalie. As the Andover players retired to their lockerroom at the end of the second with the score 5-1 Coach Gurry must have been pleased at how his team closed the period.

The third period saw a change in the Blue as it began to rotate four lines into the action and tried to work on their play making abilities, rather then embarress Loomis further. John O'Conner '99, a PG from Nobles, increased the Blue's lead early into the third as he scored on a wrap around shot from behind the net. He was quoted after his goal saying, "I tend not to get to many goals so its nice when I score" Loomis, at 10:05 of the period, retaliated, tallying their second and final goal of the contest as Andover's goalie Jaffrie Perotti '99 was caught off guard by a defensive mistake by Yorty. Yorty said after his mishap, "they got a lucky bounce." With 5:28 left in the third, Darci capped off the scoring and put the nail in Loomis's coffin as he recived a neutral zone pass from Geno Rutundi '01 and blew a slap shot by the goalie.

Deerfield

On Wednesday, the boys traveled across Massachusetts to face their toughest opponent of the year, number one ranked Deerfield. In the previous meeting between the two during the Flood Mar tournament, Deerfield easily handed Andover a loss which ended Andover's tournament hopes. The Blue needed a win to help secure a Prep play off birth but the team knew it would not be easy at Deerfield. Without standout winger Bobby Jaros '99, the Blue started out aggressively but was unable to create any scoring opportunities. Indeed Andover could not muster many scoring opportunities and failed to capitilaize on the few opportunities it did have. Deerfield on the otherhand was able to score early and often in the first and second periods. Deerfield capped off the scoring by getting a late goal in the third to end any chance of an Andover comeback.

After the game Chris Yorty '00 commented, "although we definitely didn't play at their level tonight, but when they scored it wasn't like they made good plays, they just were able to score ugly goals."

Andover must forget the Deerfield game and focus on winning the next two games against BB&N and KUA if it wants to keep its post-season hopes alive.

Strong Week For Boys Hockey

by Joe Mattison
& Matt Scriven
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITERS

Andover	5
BB&N	2

Andover	4
KUA	1

After a tough loss to Deerfield in its previous game, the Varsity boys team traveled to Cambridge on Saturday to face a weak BB&N team. When the Blue arrived at BB&N they were not overwhelmed by the opposing team, but instead by their new sports complex. The Big Blue's players wondered how a school smaller and with less money than Andover could possibly have so a nice hockey rink for so bad hockey team.

For most of the first period both teams played slow, sloppy, and incredibly poor hockey, as neither team was able to come up with an offensive surge. With 5:08 remaining in the period, however, John O'Conner '99 broke into the offensive zone and dropped the puck to Scott Darci '01, who immediately one-timed the puck past the glove hand of the goalie. This crucial goal helped the Blue intensify its game as it was able to score the next three goals. Only fifteen seconds after Darci's goal at 4:43, O'Connor made yet another stellar play, taking the puck over the blue line and then shooting it at the net. Although his shot was not terribly accurate, it had not been intended to go in the net but rather to hit the goalie and thus leave a rebound for the streaking Brett Farson '99, and that it did. At 3:26 left in the first, Jon Sinex '00 made a great individual play as he was able to beat two defenders and then dish the puck to a cutting Justine Blanch '00. Blanch was then able to beat the goalie with a quick deak. With under a minute remaining in the twice in the period, at 11:03 and at 4:52.

In the third when it seemed like the Blue's win was in jeopardy, Farson '99 took control by skating the puck past multiple players in the offensive zone and burying the puck into the upper twine of the net sealing the win for the blue. After Farson's goal he commented "I just gave it my all and did what I could to get the win."

KUA

As they boarded the bus on Wednesday for a two-hour ride to face a weak K.U.A team, the Blue hoped that its recent winning streak would continue.

The first period began with slow, sloppy play by both teams, as neither team could generate any offensive opportunities. At 13:00 left in the period, O'Conner quickly broke the 0-0 tie when he received a pass from Farson in the neutral zone, skated over the blue line and took a blistering slapshot which the goalie had no chance to save. Commenting on Farson's level of play, O'Conner stated "I can always count on Farson to put the puck right on my stick." Play resumed until 9:20 left in the period when Darci '01 was able to control the rebound, off an O'Conner shot, and easily dispatched the puck passed the KUA goalie. "Darci has become a truly influential player in the past several games. In fact, he is one of our best lowers," said Mike Turner '00.

The Blue came out for the second period knowing that they were the better team. "We knew that we needed to get the puck in the net" said Charles Resor '00. At 7:19 left in the period Scott Ward '01 took a wrist shot from the point, which Farson was able to redirect in with his stick (possibly his foot). It doesn't matter if Farson kicked in the puck, the goal was good and Andover was now up 3-0. Andover was not done scoring yet; with 4:27 remaining in the second, Sinex made a nice move by an opposite defenseman and used his backhand to lift the puck above the goalie bringing the score to 4-0.

In the third period the play was even as both teams were playing equal. At 12:49 left to play a KUA began to move the puck around in the Andover zone and the puck bounced out in front to an open KUA player who was lucky to beat goalie Jaffrie Perotti '99. "It was an absolute miracle that KUA was able to score on us. We just dropped our guard for a split second," related Chris Yorty '00.

After the game, Turner was quoted as saying "They weren't very good, but we only played a little above their level because they were so bad, but I guess it was still enough to beat them."

After two easy wins against weak teams this week, the Blue will have to put in extra hours of pratice as they look to beat the #5 penguins of Cushing and the Tabor Seawolves.

Gil x6136
Kate x6920

Captain Brett Farson '99 had a strong week, scoring goals against both BB&N, pictured, and at Kimball Union Academy

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Hockey Starts Week Strongly, Falls to N.E. Power Cushing

by Joe Mattison & Matt Scriven
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITERS

Andover	10
Pingree	1

Andover	4
Belmont	1

Cushing	7
Andover	3

BOYS' HOCKEY

Last Friday the Blue kicked off a grueling three-games-in-six-days schedule with a home game against the Pingree School Highlanders, a Division II school in Hamilton MA. Being a Division I team, Andover did not expect much of a game from Pingree and didn't get one, as evidenced by a final score of Andover 10, Pingree 1.

The pace of play throughout the game was slow due to the chippy, and sometimes dirty, play of Pingree. The Blue looked very slow and disorganized throughout the first two periods, mainly because of Pingree's choppy, erratic play. Andover started the scoring slightly over five minutes into the first period when Justin Blanch '00 put a Jon Sinex '00 pass by the Pingree goalkeeper. Halfway through the period Halsey Coughlin '99 got the second tally for the Blue off of a rebound of Mike Turner's '00 shot, thus putting the Blue up by three goals heading into the first intermission. Next up Mike Murphy '00 intercepted a pass and went in on the Pingree goaltender, putting the puck inside the left post.

The Blue dominated the second period. At 5:57 Captain Brett Farson '99 took Scott Darci's '01 pass, cut around a defenseman and put it by the goalie's blocker. Darci got a goal of his own minutes later when he bagged in the rebound from Scott Ward's '01 shot. Blanch concluded the scoring in the period when he took a feed from Coughlin, deeked the goalie and flipped it by him. Although the third period was again dominated by the Blue, it was Pingree that opened up the scoring with a fluke goal six minutes into the period off Chris Yorty's '00 defensive breakdown. The Blue answered with another goal by Coughlin off a pass from Sinex to go up by a lead of six goals. Farson scored again, this time assisted by Coughlin. Turner rushed the puck up the right wing, and Sinex scored on Turner's rebound. The last goal of the game was scored by Eric Chase '01 with help from Tim Daniels '01. After the game, Yorty commented, "Although their players were scrappy, and played dirty, we were able to create some good offensive opportunities and get in some good practice for the big games ahead."

On Saturday, the Blue had another game, this time against Belmont Hill, a perenial ISL powerhouse. In a pivotal game for the Blue, it played strong, aggressive, organized hockey. Turner commented, "We played really well, especially in the first period. Overall, it was one of our best performances this season." In the first period, Darci skated up the right wing and snapped off a pass across the crease to a waiting Farson, who one-timed it past the goalie. Although, this was the only goal scored in the period, the score did not tell the whole story, as the Blue created many more good offensive opportunities. Six minutes into the second period, Coughlin received a pass from Turner amidst a crowd of Belmont Hill players, wove his way through, and put the puck past the goalie. Darci scored the second goal of the period off a pass from Farson. The scoring in the 3rd period did not start until late, with Belmont Hill's bizarre goal, where the puck was up in the air, and unseen by Goaltender Jaffrie Perotti '99, was knocked in by a Belmont Hill player with 7:52 remaining. Darci cemented the Blue's victory with under three minutes remaining with a goal from a pass from John O'Connor '99. Charlie Resor '00 recounted, "After the slow, sloppy game against Pingree, I was very impressed with the way we played against Belmont. They were a tough team, and I think we showed what we are capable of."

After the long weekend, the Blue returned for one day of practice and then on Wednesday traveled to Ashburnham, MA to face the Cushing Penguins, the Number-Five team in New England. This contest would prove to be a good indication of how far the Blue would be able to go in the post-season. The play was very fast in all three periods. Cushing had very fast forwards, and although they played physically, it was still was one of the fastest-paced games the Blue have encountered this season.

As in the Belmont Hill game, the Blue came out very strong in the first period, scoring the only goal in the period. This goal was scored by Sinex on a power play, after many attempts by Sinex and Yorty to knock in a loose rebound. The second and third periods belonged entirely to Cushing as their lightning-fast wings and tough defensive play was too much for the Blue to deal with. Cushing scored four goals in the second period, all due to strong fore-checking on their own part. The final goal was scored with thirty-five seconds remaining in the period. The third period was a little more evenly-matched, with Cushing only outscoring Andover 3-2. Cushing scored the first 3 goals, once again the result of harder fore-checking in the zone. With less than two minutes remaining Andover rallied back with two power play goals, one coming from O'Connor and one from Yorty. O'Connor's goal came with 1:52 remaining in the period, when he walked in from the right corner, uncontested, and put it past the goalie. Seven seconds later, Yorty intercepted a Cushing pass and went in all alone on the Cushing goalie. Yorty commented, "It was a tough loss after really good playing against Belmont Hill. It was nice to get a breakaway goal, since I don't get many, I wasn't quite sure what to do with the opportunity." Sinex added, "They were a really good team, but very dirty with a lot of hitting after the whistle, making it more difficult than our normal style of play."

Boys' Hockey Squad Gains Speed As Exeter Re-Match Looms Ahead

by Bridget Cook and Mark Ottariano
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITERS

Tabor	**5**
Andover	**3**
Andover	**4**
NMH	**0**

After a tough loss to Cushing last Wednesday, Andover's boys' varsity hockey team was looking for a few wins. This week, the Blue came up on the short end of the stick against Tabor with a 3-5 score, but managed to pull out a 4-0 victory against Northfield Mount-Hermon in the season's final home game. Tomorrow the squad will go on the road to face long-standing rival Phillips Exeter, whom it will look to beat for the second year in a row at Andover-Exeter. For now the season's record stands at 14-11.

Tabor

Andover traveled to Tabor Academy last weekend to take on the Sea Wolves in their brand new facility, which was being dedicated to Travis Roy, a since-paralyzed alumnus of TA. The boys came out looking for their fifth win in six games, and played hard despite the final score.

In the first period, Tabor kicked off the scoring with a power-play goal at 11:18. For the rest of the period, however, the Blue defense, consisting of Mike Turner '00 and Chris Yorty '00 was able to hold off the Sea Wolves' attack. At the other end of the ice Halsey Coughlin '99 had several shots from point-blank range, but unfortunately his efforts were to no avail. With only one minute remaining in the first period, Tabor managed to score a fluke goal on Andover. This brought the score to a depressing 0-2. The boys were down, but not out of the game.

Twenty-two seconds in the second period, Coughlin opened up the scoring on a pass from Justin Blanch '00 to beat the Tabor defense and bring the game within one. The line of Scott Darci '01, John O'Connor '99, and Brett Farson '99 hustled and managed to keep Tabor in their own zone. Penalties continually plagued the Blue's attack, thus forcing it to play down a man for most of the period. Penalty killers Steve Mead '01 and Scott Ward '01 worked hard to limit Tabor to only one goal in the second period, despite being down for over six minutes. With 7:25 left to go in the period, Tabor struck again on a power play to end the second period with a 3-1 lead.

During the first minute of play in the final period, Tabor managed to score once more on a power play, bringing its lead to three. Before Andover could take back control of the puck, Tabor netted yet another goal, thus putting the game seemingly out of reach for the Blue. Andover continued to play hard, despite the setbacks. Late in the period post-graduate O'Connor brought the Blue within three on a shot from ten feet out that went past Tabor's goalie. Hard work from Charlie Resor '00, Mike Murphy '00, and Bob Jaros '99 quelled the potent offense of Tabor for the remainder of the game. With two seconds left in the final period, Jon Sinex '00 was able to roof one last shot past the Tabor goalie. Regardless, Andover's comeback in the late stages of the third period were in vain. The final score was 3-5, though this does not accurately reflect the effort and determination with which the Big Blue played.

NMH

With only two games to go in the season the team came out flying and peppered the NMH goalie with fourteen quality shots in the first period alone. The first line of Blanch, Coughlin, and Sinex started off the game with solid forechecking and hard hits, and as a result kept the NMH attack off-balance. Despite the fact that NMH received a power play late in the period, the Andover defense warded off NMH's attempts to put one past netminder Jaffrie Perrotti '99. Late in the period the Blue received two power plays, the first coming on an interference call at 2:41 and the second with just 0:34 seconds left in the period, when NMH was called for having too many men on the ice. Andover had many shots on net by the end of the period, but NMH's goalie stood strong and the period ended in a 0-0 tie.

After a strong start, the Blue continued its domination over its opponents. Three minutes into the second period Farson was able to split the defense and slide one past the NMH goalie on a nicely timed passed from Yorty, bringing the score to 1-0. This was the period's only goal, but the action did not stop. Ryan Demspey '00 in particular had many opportunities as he continually ripped shots from the point. Each team traded chances, but the goaltenders on both sides kept the teams from scoring.

The third period proved to be the most exciting of the game. At the Andover blue line, Resor made an acrobatic pass to Gino Rotondi '01, who streaked down the left wing. Rotondi passed it over to Jaros, who in turn scored the game's second goal with 12:36 remaining in the period. NMH refused to be put down, however, as it continually brought the puck down into Andover's zone, but the defense of Mead and Ward kept the Hoggers' scoring to a minimum. At one point in the period the game was 3-on-3 due to a number of penalties on both sides. The opponents were obviously agitated when the game began to get chippy as Ned "the referee" Bunyon tried to calm down the players. With 5:34 left to go in the game, Coughlin received a pass from Farson through the neutral zone, then proceeded to leave the opposing defense in his dust as he went on to slide the puck right past NMH's goalie. To top things off, Sinex added an empty net goal with 1: 42 left to go. In the closing minute of the game the line of Ian Cropp '01, Eric Chase '01, and Tim Daniels '01 was unleashed from the bench and let out onto the ice with a vengeance. Cropp continued to pummel the opposing players and doled out a few good hits. Goalie Perrotti played particularly well, stopping all twenty-five shots that he faced for a well-deserved shutout. The team is looking forward to Exeter on Saturday, which will be its final game of the season.

Farson Leads Boys to Winning Season

by Bridget Cook and Mark Ottariano
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITERS

The Phillips Academy Boys' Varsity Hockey Team had a successful season this year. Out of the 27 games that the team played during the winter term, its record was a respectable 14-12-1. This was due mostly to the team's experienced and dedicated players, under the coaching of Chris Gurry and first-year assistant coach Dean Boylan, as well as the leadership from this year's captain Brett Farson '99. Next year the team will lose five key seniors from it's lineup including starting goalie Jaffrie Perrotti '99. Despite these unfortunate setbacks, next year's team, under the guidance of captain Michael Turner '00, should prove to be just as successful as this year if not more.

The team carried a lot of talent this year, in both its upperclassmen and underclassmen alike. In 27 games and 4 practices a wekk, many underclassmen sharpened their skills to lead the team in goals and points. The leading scorers for this year's team showed determination and skill around the net which enabled them to bury the puck a combined 54 times. The top three leading scorers were Scott Darci '01, Jonathan Sinex '00, and Farson, with 22, 18, and 14 goals respectively. Farson led the team in points with 35, Darci had 32, and Sinex tallied 30. The defense this year was quite strong, for the team allowed a mere 654 shots on goal as opposed to the 832 shots that the team took itself. The starting goalie, Perrotti, turned back 404 of the 467 shots he faced for a save percentage of 87. He improved throughout the season, shutting out Kimball Union Academy, Berwick Academy, and Northfield Mount Hermon. Ben Hall '00, Mike Paa '01, and Theo Novak '01 (who only played half the season) shared time with Perrotti and doing their part, when called upon, to hold down the fort and keep the Blue in the game.

The season started off slowly, with a record of 4-6-1 before the players returned fully rested from winter break. After a disheartening loss to Governor Dummer, 5-3 in the first scrimmage of the season, Andover managed to pull off two big consecutive wins against St. Paul's and St. Mark's. Unfortunately for Andover, the next two games were losses against Tabor and Milton. But the Blue pulled it together with a win against Tilton, entering the tournament with a 3-2 record. After three losses and one victory in the Flood-Marr Christmas Tournament, Andover placed a dismal seventh.

After the tournament, the team began to win more frequently, winning ten out of its last seventeen games. In the team's first game against Exeter, the boys played hard, managing to even the sore in the middle of the third period after coming out flat for most of the game. The Blue, determined to win, fought hard, but ultimately lost a fierce battle to the eventual New England Champions. Exeter scored on a deflected shot from the blue line with under two minutes left and then added an empty net goal before the game's end. Although demoralized by the loss, Andover was motivated by its impressive showing against the league's best team. On the rebound from this loss, Andover picked up two key wins against a weak Berwick team and a strong club from Nobles. The Nobles win was a big victory for the Blue. Despite falling behind early, Andover fought back behind the inspiring play of Perotti to beat tournament bound Nobles 3-2 on a beautiful powerplay goal late in the third period.

As the season progressed the team members worked hard and played well, recording a four game winning streak towards the end of the year. In the past, Andover has not managed to win all four of these critical games in the home stretch and beating BB&N, KUA, Pingree, and Belmont Hill was a bright spot in an otherwise mediocre season. Along with the Nobles victory the win over Belmont Hill was one of the Blue's most impressive victories of the season. Jumping all over the perennially strong Belmont Hill team in the first period, the Blue played its finest defensive game of the year en route to a 4-1 win. Despite these uplifting wins, the boys had a very disappointing loss in the season finale against Phillips Exeter, 5-3. The Blue managed to keep the score close, but the Exter offense was too much for Andover to handle. The Exeter crowd was loud and obnoxious, and one lone soldier on the Andover team wanted everybody to play fair, but this was a war and anything goes. Unfortunately, Andover was not up to the task of defeating the boys in red.

Bret Farson was this season's captain. As a new lower from Greenwich, Ct, he immediately made the varsity team and began his three-year stretch as a staple on the Andover Hockey Team. "Brett did a good job, this year. We had a lot of leadership from the seniors, but we have a crop of talent coming back and it should be exciting." The returning seniors next year include Turner, Sinex, Michael Murphy, Charles Resor, Justin Blanch, Ryan Dempsey, Christopher Yorty, Mark Ottariano, and Hall. These nine players, not to mention the seven underclassmen returners will leave this team unified and prepared for next season. The group that is returning next year is on its was to a stellar season and perhaps a tournament bid.

Boys' Hockey Goalie Jaffrie Perrotti '99, who saved 87% of the shots directed toward him, will be sorely missed next year.

STATS

PLAYER	G	A	PEN. MIN.
Brett Farson	14	21	16.5
Scott Darci	22	10	31.5
Jon Sinex	18	12	22.5
Halsey Coughlin	12	9	27
Justin Blanch	10	10	15
John O'Connor	6	14	6
Mike Turner	4	16	18
Eugene Rotondi	1	13	3
Chris Yorty	4	8	36
Scott Ward	1	10	16.5
Bobby Jaros	2	5	0
Mike Murphy	4	3	3
Steve Mead	1	5	12
Ryan Dempsey	1	4	15.75
Charlie Resor	3	10	4.5
Mark Ottariano	0	2	6
Eric Chase	1	0	7.5
Ian Cropp	0	1	1.5
Tim Daniels	0	1	0
GOALIE	**SVS**	**GA**	**PEN. MIN.**
Jaffrie Perrotti	467	63	1.5
Ben Hall	54	7	0
Theo Novak	22	8	0
Mike Paa	11	3	0

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MANAGER:
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COACH: Martha Fenton
ASSISTANT COACHES:

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KRAUSE, CAITLIN O.
LUI, BONNIE J.
MANNING, CAMILLE A.
MATTISON, ALICE M.
OTWAY, KATHERINE E.
PAPANEK, JULIE A.
PAYSON, ALIDA B.
RICHARDSON, SUSANNAH M.
TURCO, MOLLY T.

Letter winners

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Dec. 2, 1998	(H)	K.U.A.	2	11	
Dec. 5, 1998	(A)	St. Mark's	1	4	
Dec. 12, 1998	(H)	Hanover High School	3	4	
Dec. 13, 1998	(H)	Peobody Girls	1	5	
Dec. 14, 1998	(H)	Boston Ice Women	6	2	
Dec. 17, 1998	(A)	Taft	1	4	Tabor
			1	6	Taft
Dec. 18, 1998	(A)	Taft	3	2	
Jan. 9, 1999	(A)	Choate	1	10	
Jan. 13, 1999	(H)	New Hampton	2	3	
Jan. 16, 1999	(A)	St. Paul's	5	3	
Jan. 20, 1999	(A)	Lawrence Academy	1	7	
Jan. 23, 1999	(A)	Groton	3	1	
Jan. 27, 1999	(H)	Cushing	0	8	
Jan. 30, 1999	(A)	Deerfield	3	6	
Feb. 3, 1999	(H)	Exeter	2	6	
Feb. 6, 1999	(A)	B.B.&N.	2	4	
Feb. 10, 1999	(A)	Tabor	0	0	
Feb. 12, 1999	(A)	N.M.H.	4	1	
Feb. 17, 1999	(H)	Noble & Greenough	4	3	
Feb. 19, 1999	(A)	Milton	0	2	
Feb. 20, 1999	(H)	Brooks	3	2	
Feb. 24, 1999	(H)	Holderness	4	5	
Feb. 27, 1999	(A)	Exeter	0	2	

Girls' Hockey Team Shows Improvement Despite Disappointing Early Season Losses

by Luke LaSaffre
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Choate	**9**
Andover	**1**
New Hampton	**3**
Andover	**2**

GIRLS' HOCKEY

10-4-9-10-8. No, these are not last night's winning lottery numbers. They are the margin of defeat for just some of the games the girls' hockey team has played this year. So the girls have gotten off to a rocky start, but the team has yet to come into its own, to "gel" and play up to its fullest potential.

The season started off with an 11-1 loss to Choate, a New England hockey power, and from this disaster on, things went down hill for the girls of winter. However, midway through the first half of the season, the girls found a bright spot in a somewhat dismal start. In a game against a team that goes by the name of the Icewomen, the girls found themselves in an unfamiliar position at the sound of the final buzzer. They were leading 6-1. In pure joy and ecstasy, the elated team rushed to center ice and performed a nifty dance in celebration. Experience they may be lacking, but spirit they are not.

After last season, in which the girls won three of twenty or so games, the girls have high expectations of their young team and hope to meet the goals they have set for themselves. With a returning core of players that includes captains Rachel Burnes and Becca Godsill, Katie Breen, Susannah Richardson, netminder Katherine Otway, and former freshman phenom Merri Hudson and others, the team hopes to improve on its 2-7 record. According to forward Caitlin Krause, who is known nationwide for punishing checks and body blows, the team "is improving. Things are looking up. The younger gals are getting a feel for the game and should start to contribute." Along with the solid bunch of veterans anchoring the squad are the new kids on the block. Alida Payson, Abby Bowen, the Krausenator, Molly Turco, Canadian import Bonnie Lui, backup goalie Julie Papanek and frosh Ally Mattison have promising futures on the team. The coaching staff consists of Chad Green, Martha Fenton and goalies coach Tim Marsh. The girls have all the right ingredients for a winning team, but are yet to put it in the oven.

On Wednesday, New Hampton comes to town to challenge the girls. "We should win against New Hampton. They'll be no match for our fire power," said Merri Hudson with confidence. "We might have beaten them last year, I'm not sure, but we should win this year. We have a better team." On Saturday, the girls hit the road for St. Paul's and should they win Wednesday, they will try to build a winning streak. Regardless of the game's outcome, the girls surely will enjoy themselves on the ice and relish in the pleasures of the camaraderie of a team. When I asked a few players for a comment for my article, everyone replied that improvement is being made and none were ashamed of their mediocre record. As the season progress look to see the leaps and bounds the girls will surely make, and with a little luck, well, actually quite a bit, the girls could find themselves fighting for a tournament berth. For now, let's remain optimistic and keep our judgments to ourselves.

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Girls' Hockey Team Defeats Groton, 3-1

by Luke LeSaffre
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GIRLS' HOCKEY

Another week has passed and the girls' varsity hockey team has played two more games, this time winning one and, well, losing the other badly. Despite the trouncing they received from Lawrence Academy last Wednesday, the girls bounced back from their 7-1 loss with a convincing 3-1 triumph over Groton. As it stands, the girls have a record of 4-9, a respectable tally, and many players have sworn that the rate of progress will only increase and that the record can only get better. Only time will tell.

Lawrence Academy is known for its hockey. The boys of Andover were thoroughly beaten by a tough Lawrence squad last Monday, and the girls' hockey program is just as potent as the boys are. Here at Andover, however, we tend to focus our efforts in areas other than girls' hockey, and we neglect to recruit promising young female athletes for the sport. The last I heard, there are no girls' hockey PGs either. Therefore, this contrast in programs may explicate the margin of defeat for the girls in last Wednesday's game, a lopsided 7-1 contest in which the tough gals from Lawrence dominated the ice.

In the first period, Andover's defense was no match for the relentless attacks from Lawrence, and the team yielded two goals in the first period. The second period was the same story, as Lawrence unleashed a three-goal effort to increase the lead to five. Trying to spare her team of the embarrassment of a shutout, Jess Judge put her team on the board with a goal. The puck slid past LA's goalie after reflecting of several of her defense women. Lawrence added two more goals in the third, and put the nail in the coffin.

But, enough about defeat, let's talk about the glorious victory the girls achieved Saturday against Groton. Despite the balmy mid-winter conditions, the day was perfect for hockey, perfect for a win. Throughout the first period of the game, the score remained knotted at 0-0, until Molly Turco put the Blue on top with a hard slap shot that sent the puck careening into the net. Not one minute after the goal was Ms. Turco escorted to the penalty box for a minor check. On the ensuing power play, Groton capitalized on its one-woman advantage, scoring just outside the crease. "Oh, man, their goal was kinda silly, ya know. I mean it was cheap, yo," commented German import Caitlin Krause, known for her European style of play and aggressiveness on the ice. In the second period, Krause was involved in a scuffle that sent her and an opposing player to the box for high sticking and slashing penalties. Once her penalty expired, Krause broke loose from the penalty box, seized the puck and passed to teammate Jess Judge, who placed the puck past the despairing keeper for one of her two goals on the afternoon.

Six minutes into the final period, Jess Judge administered justice to the opposition with a decisive verdict: guilty of poor defense. Receiving a pass from Krause and then Katie Breen, The Judge scored from just outside the crease to give the Blue a two-goal edge, and ultimately the victory. The defense of the Blue performed superbly, while goalie Katherine Otway stopped all but one of the 39 shots that came her way. In all, it was a tremendous effort and boost of confidence for the team.

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Disappointing Week for Girls' Hockey

by Luke LeSaffre
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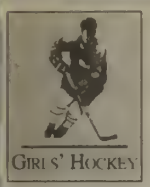
Cushing	**8**
Andover	**0**
Deerfield	**6**
Andover	**3**


GIRL'S' HOCKEY

After successive weeks of solid performances, the girls' hockey team stumbled. Actually, they were tripped. By big, bad girls dressed in purple. And green. Yes, the girls are down, but most certainly, they are not out. The two lopsided defeats to Cushing and Deerfield have not crushed the team confidence, but rather have driven the team towards vengeance. In the upcoming games, the girls will look to rebound and pick up the pieces of a disastrous week of hockey when they play Exeter and BB&N.

Cushing

Dressed in designer purple uniforms and adorned with penguin logos, the Cushing squad looked far from intimidating when they came to Andover last Wednesday; they looked downright comical and ridiculous. Nonetheless, these girls had game and they certainly showed it. In a very lopsided match-up that saw the Blue be out-shot 32 to 20 and fail to convert on all five power plays, Cushing dominated the girls and scored eight goals compared to Andover's zero. Is it the water? Or is it the purple uniforms? The reason for the 8-0 doozie is an enigma, but if I had to guess, I'd say that Cushing has a better hockey program. Let's face it, hockey here at Andover has seen better days, but our faltering program will undoubtedly regain its strength when the new rink is built. Until then, the girls will have difficulty winning. In this game, there were few bright spots, and the performances were far from notable. The defense just was too weak for Cushing's attack, and the offense had every glimmer of a break cut down by Cushing's punishing checks and aggressive play on the puck. The team fought until the very end, hoping to salvage any bit of pride they had and still have a bit of fun on the ice.

Deerfield

The game against Deerfield was no better than that against Cushing. However, the team is encouraged by the strong performance of Jess Judge, who scored all three of Andover's goals in the 6-3 defeat. Deerfield shot early and often, scoring on goalie Katherine Otway twice in the first three minutes of the game. Facing a two goal defecit heading into then second period, Andover fell victim to three more Deerfield goals. The second period saw the opening of the Jess Judge Show. Playing on the right wing, The Judge received a pass from Katie Breen, upon which she blasted the puck past the goalie for her first of three goals. Then, in the third and final period, with the score at 5-1, Judge netted two more and put her team on the comeback trail. With perfect form and smoothness, The Judge unleashed a wicked slap shot from just outside the face-off circle that brought her team within two goals and sent shivers down the spines of Deerfield's players. As the final seconds ticked off the clock, Deerfield added a final goal to seal the victory.

The problem in this game, by looking at the stat sheet, appears to be shot selection. Andover took 49 shots compared to Deerfield's 17, and the shots taken were not of the highest percentage. If the team had been more discriminating in the shots they took and had looked for better passing lanes rather than shots, they could have controlled the puck more in the offensive zone, letting the defense rest while eating up time off the clock. Nonetheless, the low scoring percentage can partly attributed to Deerfield's goalie, who made a whopping 43 saves on the day. "Yeah, that goalie was so good. She was like a wall," describes winger Merri Hudson who notched an assist in the game.

Wednesday, the girls face our rivals, Exeter. If you go, expect to see a few gals donning some blue face paint. Saturday, the team will square off against BB&N, and if all goes according to plan Wednesday and they win, we could see the girls riding a two game win streak going into next week.

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Captain Rachel Burnes '99 glides up ice in Wednesday's 6-2 loss to Exeter. Photo / D. Kurs

2/3/99

Otway '00 Shines in Net, As Andover Blanks Tabor

by Dan Shvartsman
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

BB&N	4
Andover	2

Andover	0
Tabor	0

This past week was very important for the girls' hockey team. Coming off three straight disappointing losses, including a home loss to arch-nemesis Exeter, the girls needed to gain some confidence, and at the same time earn some much-needed league respect. While their search for wins continued to prove futile this week, the squad proved that they weren't going to stand by and let the season go to waste.

2/16/99
2/10/99

BB&N

On Saturday, the team travelled to BB&N for what would be a very up-and-down game. The game had a very auspicious beginning, as forward Bonnie Lui '00 scored just twenty-one seconds into the first period. BB&N tied the score at 1-1 in the very next shift, however, and with a few lucky breaks managed to take a 2-1 lead by period's end. Although BB&N scored its third goal at the beginning of the second period, Andover refused to be kept down, as Katie Breen '00 brought the score to 3-2 off a rebound from a Molly Turco '00 shot. Only moments later the very same line scored the equalizer, however goal number three for the Blue was called back due to an early whistle. "Overall, the officiating was terrible, especially at the time of that goal in the second period," comments Lui. In the final moments of the second period, the line of Jessica Judge '00-Turco-Breen won a crucial faceoff in the BB&N zone, and even managed to get a shot off, though the BB&N goalie was able to keep it out of her net as the period ended. Though the Big Blue entered the third period confident that it could keep up its earlier offensive pressure, BB&N managed to hold on to its lead, and even cushioned it by scoring a fourth goal. Though Andover clearly outplayed its opponent, outshooting BB&N 36-23, a combination of poor officiating and unlucky shots put victory just out of the Blue's reach once again.

Tabor

On Wednesday, the girls played at Tabor against a solid Seawolves team. Playing in a brand new arena, the squad "totally dominated" the opposition and spent most of the game in Tabor's defensive zone. This was a very important game of redemption for the Blue, which fell in a tough 4-1 loss to Tabor at a tournament earlier this year. According to Lui, "We came into this game knowing what to expect, and were confident that we had the ability to win this game."

Much like at BB&N, the team came out firing early. The line of Lui-Breen-Judge had a very strong game for the Blue, and Merri Hudson '01was very solid on defense. The star of the game, however, was Katherine Otway '00, who had her first-ever shutout in goal. Otway finished with twenty-eight saves and repeatedly turned away many good Tabor opportunities. Such strong individual efforts were to no avail, however, as the game finished in a 0-0 stalemate. Once again the ball did not seem to bounce Andover's way. In addition, forward Caitlin Krause '01 was injured when a player she had legitimately checked into the boards retaliated by slashing her in the knee. Fortunately, Krause was not seriously hurt and should be back on the ice by next week. The Blue had outshot Tabor 37-28, however, and played quite well overall. In Coach Fenton's words, "It was a really good tie, a solid game." Considering Tabor's victory in the early-season matchup, Andover's improvement was much appreciated by all.

This week was much better for the girls team than the scoreboard indicated. As the coach said, "We're improving day by day. Offensively, we're getting more shots." Captain Rebecca Godsill '99 commented, "We really outplayed both teams this week. The game against Tabor was a really good game."

The Blue is really starting to pick up its play as the season draws to a close. Friday, the team looks to beat NMH on the road before taking a break over the long weekend. Next Wednesday, the girls will play Noble & Greenough at home. These two games are matchups which the team is more than capable of winning. Perhaps the Blue's good play will finally produce some results in the win column.

Girls' Hockey Goes Undefeated Victories Over Nobles and Northfield Lift Blue

by Dan Shvartsman
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover	4
NMH	1

Andover	4
Nobles	3 (OT)

The girls hockey team has been improving all year, and this week its hard work finally paid as it managed to pull out two wins, including an overtime thriller against Nobles. The team's steady improvement has aided it in gearing up for an upcoming rematch with Exeter. Next week it will have two more tough games, but it should be able to continue its 3-game unbeaten streak, its longest of the year.

On Friday the team traveled to Western Massachusetts to take on the N.M.H. Lady Hoggers. The girls got started off on the right foot, as Jess Judge '00 had a nice goal off a good feed from Katie Breen '00. However, the N.M.H. goalie was outstanding, and was able to stop every shot from that goal to the end of the second, finishing up with fifty-one saves. Much to this goalie's chagrin, however, the endless shots on net started to slip through in the 3rd period. Molly Turco '00 scored a goal, with Breen notching another assist. Heather Graul '99 kept the Blue on a roll by banking a shot in off a pass from Bonnie Lui '00. N.M.H. finally got on the scoreboard, but Jess Judge answered with another goal to close out the scoring.

This was a game the Blue needed to win, as it was clearly the better team. Outplaying N.M.H. by much more than the score indicated, it finished with a total of an impressive fifty-five shots on net. Captain Rachel Burnes '99 exclaimed, "We were clearly the better team. We controlled the puck the entire time." The Hoggers' skilled goalie was the only thing that kept this game from being a blowout. As Coach Fenton said, "It was great to get this win. We really cranked it up in the third period. We've really been doing well offensively."

This past Wednesday, Andover played a tough Nobles team. Coming off their first win in a while, some people may have feared a letdown. But the girls made another impressive showing in front of a home crowd and came out with a win.

Nobles jumped out in front with an early goal, but Andover was quick to answer. Turco scored the first goal to even it up, with assists going to Burnes and Caitlin Krause '01. Krause came back and scored the next two goals, which seemed to break the game open at 3-1. However Nobles was able to sneak closer with a goal near the end of the first.

In the second, Nobles scored again and thus tied the game back up. They had many more chances to put the biscuit in the basket, but Katherine Otway '00 shut down many 3-on-2 and 2-on-1 breakaways. "Katherine played an incredible game," remarked Turco. Both teams would stay scoreless over the third period, and the game went into sudden-death overtime. This game didn't go deep into the extra frame, however, as Lui scored only fifteen seconds into the period.

This game was a struggle for both teams, but Andover stayed in it. Burnes commented, "This was a more evenly matched game. They had a couple good offensive players who are known throughout the league." Clearly, Otway was the star of the game. Coach Fenton praised her, saying, "Katherine had an unbelievable game. She made 32 saves, but the quality of the saves was great." Also playing a huge game for the Blue was Krause, who had two goals and an assist, and the overtime hero, Lui, who continued her recent stellar play.

These two games have been huge for the Blue, as its season is now looking salvageable. The team is now showing that it will be competitive in each and every game, and there is no reason why it should not be able to win each game that remains on the schedule. This week it looks to continue its recent hot streak with two home games, the first against Brooks Saturday, and then another against Holderness next Wednesday, which will serve as the final preparation for the game against Exeter. These are games which will be tough but winnable, and the girls will look to win and finish the season strong.

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2/17/99

PA GIRLS' HOCKEY SPLITS WEEK VS. N.E. OPPONENTS

by Dan Shvartsman
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover	3
Brooks (OT)	2

Holderness	5
Andover (OT)	4

GIRLS' HOCKEY

In the final week of the season for the girls' hockey team, the Blue emerged with one win and one loss. It started on a very good note with a solid and exciting game against Brooks. This streak of good play would not continue as it struggled at home against a weak Holderness team. Now all that remains of this split season is tomorrow's contest with archrival Exeter, a game that the squad must win if it hopes to end the season strong.

The girls' were looking to continue a three game unbeaten streak, playing a tough Brooks team at home last Saturday. The team struggled early, as Brooks jumped out to a 1-0 lead. Andover fought back as Molly Turco '00 netted a goal in the second period to tie the score. Brooks scored the next goal with about five minutes left in the game, and it looked like the win was in jeopardy. Coach Fenton strageically pulled goalie Katherine Otway '00 with little time left and this time time around the extra attacker proved useful, as Bonnie Lui '00 and Katie Breen '00 set up a huge goal for Jess Judge '00 with just six seconds left. Though it took the team a little while to adjust to overtime, Breen finally put the biscuit in the basket with two minutes left, the assist once again going to Lui.

The outing proved successful for the Blue, which outshot Brooks 63-16. Coach Chad Green commented, "We thoroughly outplayed them throughout the game. It was a great win. The team played really well."

In the final home game of the season, the girls faced Holderness with the incentive of a win putting them into the post-season. Holderness came out strongly from the start, though Judge scored the first goal off a feed from Alice Mattison'02.

Holderness came back and tied up the score. Moments later, Judge stuffed in a rebound, copping her second goal of the day. In the second period, Breen scored the Blue's third goal, with assists going to linemates Lui and Judge. Holderness answered with its second goal to round out the scoring in the second.

In the third period, Holderness scored an unassisted goal to tie the game up. Captain Rachel Burnes '99 proceeded to score the team's fourth and final goal on assists from Caitlin Krause '01 and Turco. This was not enough to hold off Holderness, though, for with just 37 seconds left they were able to tie the game up once again. The game went into OT, and 3:18 into the extra period, Holderness ended it.

"We never seemed to be able to keep up the momentum from our last game. Overall, it was very disappointing to have such a good game against Brooks and then play like this today," said Coach Green. Lui remarked, "It was really cool for Rachel Burnes to score what should have been the game-winner. We really hoped to win this game for the seniors. We were much better, but we weren't playing real well."

This was an unfortunate way to end the home season and the four-game unbeaten streak. If the team hopes to beat Exeter, it will have to make a much stronger showing than it did on Wednesday. Coach Green remarked, "If the team that played Saturday against Brooks comes to play against Exeter, it should be a good game. But if the team that showed up against Holderness comes, this might get ugly." There is an opportunity for fans to go up and see the team take on the Exies, and hopefully improve on their 7-15-1 record by pulling out one last win.

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Photo / D. Kurs

Becca Godsill '99, right, passes the puck off to the waiting Katie Breen '00, foreground.

Photo / D. Kurs

Co-Captain Rebecca Godsill '99 clears the puck out of the Blue zone in Wednesday's 4-3 nailbiter overtime win over Nobles

GIRLS' LONG SEASON TAKES ITS TOLL

Despite Solid Goalkeeping by Otway and Tough Defense, Woes Continue

by Dan Shvartsman
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

GIRLS' HOCKEY

It was a year of building for the Andover Girls' Hockey Team. Beginning the year with a new goalie and several new players, the team took awhile to get going. But near the end of the season it saw a decided improvement in play, which will likely carry into next year.

The season did not start out very well for the Blue, as it did not have much practice time to get ready for games against KUA and St. Mark's. After exams, the girls had to play games on three consecutive days. They lost the first two before finally breaking through with a 6-2 victory against the Boston Ice Women.

They were not finished playing in December yet, as they played in a tournament at Taft. After losing to the host school and then again to Tabor, Andover salvaged a win against Lawrenceville, which made the team a little happier entering the break.

When everyone returned to school, the girls quickly had to get ready, as they played a game that Saturday. While they lost this game, they played a very tight game against a solid New Hampton team before falling 3-2. This was followed up with a win on the road against St. Paul's by a score of 5-3.

Soon things seemed to take a turn for the worse, however, as the Blue lost five of its next six, with the only win coming against small school Groton. Two of the losses were 8-0 drubbings, and another loss came at the hands of archrival Exeter.

The Blue then answered this slump with a roar. They first went to Tabor to avenge a 4-1 loss in the aforementioned holiday tournament. While peppering the opponent's goalie with shots and getting no lucky breaks, Andover was kept in the game by first-year goalie, Katherine Otway '00. Otway turned back all 28 shots she faced and recorded her first career shutout. The defense of Merri Hudson '01, Katie Breen '00, and Bonnie Lui '00 also helped Otway.

Only two days later girls went out to Western Massachusetts to take on the Lady Hoggers of N.M.H. The Blue was clearly the superior team, as two goals from Jess Judge '00, and a goal each from Heather Graul '99 and Molly Turco '00 led the way to a 4-1 win. The next Wednesday the girls had their first overtime win of the year in a hotly contested game with a tough Nobles team. Nobles started the scoring, but another goal by Turco and two goals by Caitlin Krause '01 put the Blue up. Nobles scored a goal at the end of the first and then again in the beginning of the second to tie up the game, but Otway transformed into a brick wall, as she denied many 3-on-2 and 2-on-1 breaks. She would amass 32 saves and keep Nobles from scoring again. Meanwhile Andover couldn't convert its offensive opportunities into goals and the game went into overtime. However, fifteen seconds in Bonnie Lui scored to end the game and give Andover its second straight win.

After a disappointing loss on the road to Milton in which Andover could not score, the team retuned home for a Saturday game against a strong Brooks teams. This game was very exciting as it went down to the last minute. Early on it didn't look good, as Andover went down 1-0. But Molly Turco would score in this game as well to tie it up. Things were quiet for a little while, before Brooks put the puck by Otway with five minutes left. Coach Fenton proceeded to pull Otway as time was expiring so Andover could have an extra attacker, and the strategy worked, as Judge found the back of the net with six seconds left in the game. Then after playing for three minutes in OT, Katie Breen ended the game and gave the Blue another win.

Andover would finish out the home season disappointingly, as the team played poorly in a loss to a lesser team in Holderness. Judge scored the first two goals for the team to put the Blue up 2-1 after one.

Breen added to the lead, but Holderness came storming back, scoring one goal in the second period and one in the third to tie the game up. After co-captain Rachel Burnes '99 put in another goal to give the lead back to Andover, there was a defensive collapse and Holderness scored with just 37 seconds left. Holderness would score again in OT to win the game. Andover finished its season with another loss to Exeter, though this time the score was only 2-0.

There were many good things to point out about this team, and many things that show good signs for the future. Otway emerged as a premier goalie in only her first year and can do nothing but improve next year. Co-captains Burnes and Rebecca Godsill played well for the Blue all year, and also provided leadership for this young team. Judge and Turco provided the scoring touch that was needed, and a lot of help came from Lui and Breen at both ends of the ice. Hudson and Krause also provided good defense.

The only people graduating from this team are captains Burnes and Godsill, and forward Heather Graul. With the goalie in place, a couple of good forwards who can finish, some good defensemen, and the everlasting hope of good new recruits, this is a team that could become very good in the next year and improve vastly on its final record of 8-15-1.

SPORT: Nordic Skiing

YEAR: 1998-1999

CAPTAIN: Ethan Brodie
HOME ADDRESS:

MANAGER:
HOME ADDRESS:

COACH: Debbie Carlisle
ASSISTANT COACHES:

SEASON RECORD

WON_____LOST_____TIED_____

Boys - 7th at NEPSACS

Girls - 5th at NEPSACS

Skiing - Nordic
BRODIE, ETHAN H. (C)
DELUDE, PHILIP M.
HUBBARD, R. WINSLOW
KAMINOH, YUUKI J.
McLEAN, SYLVIA P.
PENLEY, COLIN M.
RISTEEN, NICHOLAS M.
SCHOENE, ADAM J.
STORY, LOUISE E.
WATSON, JESSICA S.
WITMAN, KATHERINE M.
YELTON, A. PEPPER

Letter winners

Nordic Skiing

Wed., Jan. 6, 1999	(A)	Holderness	
Wed., Jan. 12, 1999	(A)	K.U.A. Classic	
Wed., Jan. 20, 1999	(A)	Proctor Skate	
Sat., Jan. 23, 1999	(H)	Home Race Skate	
Wed., Jan. 26, 1999	(A)	Putney Classic	
Wed., Feb. 3, 1999	(A)	St. Paul's Classic	
Sat., Feb. 6, 1999	(A)	Cardigan	
Wed., Feb. 9, 1999	(A)	Holderness Lakes Region	
Wed., Feb. 17, 1999	(A)	Gould NEPSAC	Boys - 7th 5th

Nordic Skiing Starts Off Strong

Despite an unusual lack of snow in the opening weeks of the season, the Andover Nordic Ski Team performed execptionally well at last week's meet at KUA in the first meet of the year. Placing fourth out of eleven competitors, the boys' nordic team exceeded the expectations of skiers and coaches alike. Competing against such nordic heavyweights as Holderness and Putney, both notorious for their olympic-caliber contenders, a fourth place finish was an immense feat for the team. Furthermore, for the first time in recent memory, the boys' team beat long time Lakes Region Ski League rival St. Paul's. Individually, the boys fared quite well, placing two skiers in the top twenty finishers and finishing multiple skiers with personal best times. In the field of nearly 70 skiers, Captain Ethan Brodie '99 led the way with an impressive 16th place, with Phil Delude '00 close on his heals at 17th. Skiers Adam Schoene and Colin Penley '01 placed 24th and 33rd, respectively. Due to a game-time decision by Coach Debbie Carlisle, the girls' nordic squad opted to forego the race, adn instead use the snow to work on tequnique and training. This past Wednesday, the nordic team traveled to Proctor Academy in Andover, NH for their second meet of the year. Strong finishes for the boys' and girls' sqauds ensure good finishes for the team as a whole.

- Nordic Ski Team
(Typed by Nick Risteen)

1/12/99

Nordic Finishes Fourth

by Ethan Brodie
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

It was another exciting week for PA's nordic squad, as both the boys' and girls' teams finished impressively in their second and third races of the season. Last Wednesday, January 20, the boys' team finished in an impressive fourth in a field of 11, with multiple individual finishes in the top 20. With an experienced yet young team, Coaches Debbie Carlisle and Charles Wray have helped the boys compete on a largely unexpected level. In last Wednesday's skating (freestyle) race, captain Ethan Brodie '99 led the team with an impressive 13th place finish (in a field of nearly 70), with veterans Phil Delude '00, Colin Penley '01, and Adam Shoene '00 trailing close behind at 17th, 20th, and 24th, respectively. In this Wednesdays race, the boys' team once again impressed other Lakes Region teams with a third place finish (again in a field of 11), Brodie finishing 16th, and Delude, Penley, and Schoene all on his heels in the top 30 finishers.

The girls' nordic squad, while comprised almost entirely of skiers relatively new to the sport, had an impressive showing in the last two races as well. In last Wednesday's race, Morgan Swett '00 and Katie Witman '00 led the team with finishes in the top 30, and although results are not yet available for the girls' race this past Wednesday, it was obvious to all present at the race that all of the girls improved on their performances of last week.

The squad's next race is scheduled for this coming Wednesday, away at St. Paul's School. With a relatively flat and easy course at St. Paul's, the boys hope to improve on their most recent third place team finish; while the competition for first and second places is undoubtedly strong, the boys have been training hard, and feel particularly confident with their freestyle technique. No doubt, the well-being of the PA nordic team will be on the hearts and minds of Andover students all over as the boys and girls charge into next Wednesday's race.

Nordic Ends Season on a High Note

by Winslow Hubbard
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

After years of being trapped behind skiing powerhouses Holderness and Putney, the Andover Nordic Ski Team attended a dual meet at NMH on Saturday, February 13. Andover seized the opportunity and throttled the hapless Hoggers, taking the top four spots. Captain Ethan Brodie '99 started in the firsts slot and never looked back, finishing well ahead of the next skiers. Adam Schoene '00 was started last due to a roster error, and used it to his advantage, passing eight NMH skiers. Colin Penley '01 and Phil Delude '00 rounded out the top four places. "It was great just to win," said Brodie. For both the captain and fellow senior Nick Risteen, it was really their final chance to achieve such a seemingly insurmountable feat.

The girls came out strong but were vanquished by inexperience and injuries. The course was steep and icy, claiming Jess Watson '01, who injured her knee and was unable to finish the race. Rookies Katie Witman '00 and Pepper Yelton '00 both had strong races, but the overall lack of experience was just too much despite the incredible effort shown. NMH has yet to forward final standings, most probably due to embarrassment over the outcome.

On Wednesday, February 17 the team travelled to Gould Academy in Maine for NEPSACs. The course was brutal, with long and steep uphills and alpine-worthy downhills. The girls raced their 5 K course first, and finished with a strong fifth. With Morgan Swett '00, the only returning racer, out with a knee injury, Witman was forced to carry the team with her seventeenth place finish. She was followed by a recovered Watson and a very strong placing Sylvia McLean '01. Unfortunately, the girls fell a few places in the 4 x 3 K relay. Despite this lapse, the squad surprised coaches and teammates alike with its high finish. This was the best placing yet for the all-rookie team.

The boys also finished fifth in their 6.5 K race. The team was once again led by Brodie, who finished sixteenth, and Delude, who followed close behind in eighteenth. Winslow Hubbard '01 finished an unusually high third, picking up for Penley, who experienced back pains mid race. The boys entered the relay hoping to catch St. Paul's, whom they had beaten all season and trailed by four points. Much to their chagrin, the boys were simply overmatched. The 3K course was disadvantageous to the boys, who are used to winning longer races with stamina were foiled by several surprise skiers. Most especially, they were confronted with Junior Olympic gold medalist Jed Hinkley, who entered his first race of the season. The boys fell to a disappointing seventh, despite a gutsy performance from Delude, who vomited mid race, and an inspired Penley.

Overall the season has been stunningly excellent for the nordic squad, despite the blatant lack of snow. The boys finished an unheard of third in Lakes Regions, and the all-novice girls team showed definite potential. The team is looking forward to next season, with a dearth of returning skiers, and hopefully, some snow.

Nordic Skiing Captain Ethan Brodie '99 gets off to a strong start en route to a victory over NMH. *Photo Courtesy E. Brod*

Injuries Plague XC Skiing

by Adam Schoene
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Despite the exceptional lack of snow this past winter, the Andover Nordic Ski Team proved to be a zealous opponent and a formidable threat in any skiing competition. Led by Captain Ethan Brodie '99, the young Nordic squad managed to fare quite well this season. With teams such as Holderness and Putney contending for the championship, Andover faced a difficult task. Although Andover did not finish quite as well as the team had hoped in the NEPSAC meet, through dedicated training and many intense workouts, the Andover Nordic Team was able to secure its reputation for ferocity.

The Nordic Ski Team opened the season with a strong fourth place finish for the boys at KUA, where there a total of eleven teams competed. The girls chose to forego the first meet, as the only experienced skier was Morgan Swett '00. Later in the season, Swett was plagued by injuries, taking her out of competition. Following KUA, Andover placed well at Proctor, Putney, and St. Paul's. Stellar performances by Captain Brodie, three-year skier Phil Delude '00, and veteran Colin Penley '01 ensured the success of the boys' team this season. Highlights of the season for the boys were a first place finish at NMH and an impressive third place finish in the Lakes Region meets.

The success of the boys' squad this season was due in large part to the depth of the team. In addition to Brodie, Delude, and Penley, returning skiers Nick Risteen '99, Jack Kaminoh '00, Adam Schoene '00, and Winslow Hubbard '01 all made significant contributions throughout the season. Much improvement was made this season by newcomers Klaus Koenigshausen '00, Dan Sullivan '02, and Rob Cannon '02, whose steady efforts bode well for the team next year.

The Nordic girls had an equally impressive season, considering that Swett was the only returning skier on the team. Through hard work, perseverance, and determination, the girls united to form a solid pack of seven racers. After Swett's injury relatively early in the season, Katie Witman '00 and Jess Watson '01 stepped up to display their extraordinary strength and endurance in leading the Andover pack. Their efforts were echoed throughout the season by the strong and gutsy performances of Adrea Lee '01, Sylvia McLean '01, Pepper Yelton '00, Louise Story '99, and Laura Oh '99. With all but two of these skiers returning, the girls should have a successful season next year.

The team's success this year would not have been possible without the exceptional instruction of Coach Carlisle and Coach Wray, along with the infallible guidance and leadership of Captain Brodie. Next year's team looks promising, with many strong returners for both the boys and the girls. With the help of a little snow, Andover Nordic will undoubtedly be prepared to get vicious and to dominate in the first few months of the year 2000.

Nordic Captain Ethan Brodie '99 consistently led the Blue all season.

SPORT: Squash - Boys

YEAR: 1998 - 1999

CAPTAIN: Piercarlo Valdesolo & Benjamin Goldhirsh
HOME ADDRESS:

MANAGER:
HOME ADDRESS:

COACH: Tom Cone
ASSISTANT COACHES:

SEASON RECORD

WON 12 LOST 5 TIED

5th @ interschols

Squash -BV
BECK, NATHAN J.
CHERIYAN, DANNY G.
CHIN, ANDREW M.
GAIHA, GAURAV D.
GOELA, NAVEEN
GOLDHIRSH, BENJAMIN A. (cc)
KLARBERG, COLLIS L.
PATEL, NAKUL
RAMPELL, ALASTAIR M.
VALDESOLO, PIERCARLO (cc)

Letter winners

BOY'S SQUASH

			PA	OPP	
Dec. 2, 1998	(A)	Brooks Scrimmage	6	0	
Dec. 3, 1998	(A)	Harvard	4	5	
Jan. 9, 1999	(A)	Choate, Exeter, Taft	3	4	Choate
			0	7	Taft
Jan. 13, 1999	(H)	Deerfield	6	1	
Jan. 23, 1999	(H)	Middlesex	6	1	
Jan. 27, 1999	(H)	St. Paul's	7	0	
Jan. 29, 1999	(A)	Tufts	7	0	
Jan. 30, 1999	(A)	Choate, Westminster	3	4	Choate
			5	2	Westminster
Feb. 3, 1999	(H)	Exeter	7	0	
Feb. 6, 1999	(H)	Milton	No score reported		
Feb 10, 1999	(H)	Belmont Hill	3	4	
Feb. 17, 1999	(H)	St. Georges	6	1	
Feb. 19, 1999	(A)	Groton	3	4	
Feb. 24, 1999	(A)	Exeter	7	0	
Feb. 26, 1999	(A)	Interscholastics - Groton	5th place		

Squashed Love

by Ben Goldhirsh &
Piercarlo Valdesolo
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITERS

Taft	7
Andover	0

Andover	5
Deerfield	2

I remember the night we first met. I came off the courts after a grueling match and as I glanced towards the water fountain there she was. Her hair flowed gracefully down to her buttocks, and her body called out to me: "Carlo, O, Carlo. Make love to me you raging stallion." I watched as beads of sweat trickled from her brow, and formed a puddle in her navel. I stumbled towards her. Words leaked from my trembling lips "May I suck your navel?" A shudder of love enveloped my body as she turned to face me.

Damnit, not again, I thought to myself. And then she spoke "I'm saving myself for the best squash player. Let me see you play." My heart shrank as I knew all too well that I could never be worthy of her luscious puddle. I bit my lip. "You know, my precious, I could get a good look at a butcher's ass by sticking my head up it, but I'd rather take his word for it." She turned away, and as I watched her walk out of my life, it hit me like a truck: it had to be her bull.

I will never forget the first time I saw her. Snow caressed the cold ground, as I slowly trudged forward. My destination, unknown, my motives, unclear. I just knew I was looking for something, something that fate had in store for Ben Goldhirsh. I lifted my head, bearing the painful frozen flakes, I saw a figure in the distance. I kept walking, step after step, yet it was as if I wasn't making any ground. Then finally I reached this enchanted beauty. The wind ceased, the snow subsided, in the clear stood what I was looking for. Stars forced their way through the clouds and the moon sent a ray so bright as to illuminate our winter wonderland. I reached out and touched her hand, sparks flew, snow melted as a small river of passion ran from the ground beneath. Our arms locked together, I held her in a tight embrace as if this was our last moment together. The power of speech failed me, but then again words could not do justice to this situation. Some people say you only have one chance to find your soul mate, this was my chance. Our lips joined and at that instant I experienced bliss unparalleled by all other human feelings. But then she pulled away. I saw the foundation of my utopia slowly crumbling as she whispered to me: "There are other men, other squash players, I only want the best".

What Ben and Piercarlo did not know was that these meetings with this luscious squash vixen were happening to all the players. Each one was allured by her seductive, sensuous, siren call. They knew that to taste this sweet nectar of love they needed to beat out the competition, their friends, their teammates. And so it came to pass that this team once united like a bunch of rednecks on a beer run, transformed into cold, selfserving, love seekers. Disallusioned by the cunning of one woman, the team lost to Choate and Taft.

The cunning squash queen's plot had temporarily succeeded, but she had made one fatal flaw: she attempted to seduce the one man immune to her feminine guile; a man who had had so many women in his day (who is now very happily married) that her scandalous ruse was powerless. This man, this hero of all men, was Tom Cone. He saw her intentions, then unveiled her ruthless plan to the team. His words landed upon shocked ears, but this painful awakening was imperative to the team's success. Free from the clutches of her inviting bosom, the team reunited and defeated Deerfield.

1/9/99
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Boys' Falter to Belmont Hill

by Alex Rampell
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Belmont Hill	**4**
Andover	**3**

BOYS' SQUASH

In a difficult, charged match this Wednesday, Andover's top-notch squash team put up a good fight against Belmont Hill. Well known for their squash prowess, Belmont Hill has always proved to be a difficult match for Andover.

Playing the number one spot for Andover was Piercarlo Valdesolo '99. His opponent was the squash phenom Pat Malloy, ranked 3rd nationally. Piercarlo, to the cheers of dozens of Andover fans, played a great match against his top-notch opponent. Piercarlo rose to the occasion, and while he wasn't able to bring out a win, the match was close. The third (and final) game ended with the score of 9-7, Malloy. Pete Karlen, Andover class of '98 and former squash captain, also suffered a defeat to Malloy in his final season at Andover. Commenting on the loss, Gaurav Gaiha '99 stated "If Rampell could have overcome his season-long inability to play well, and had assumed, as expected, the number one position, we would have owned Malloy."

Rising against incalculable odds, Ben Goldhirsh '99 overcame a back injury earlier in the week to play in the match. He played very well, although his loss was due in no small part to his injury. Although he put up a good fight to the very end, Goldhirsh lost 0-3.

Nathan Beck '01, playing number 3, enjoyed an easy three game win over his opponent. Beck played a great game, rarely missing a shot and repeatedly stunning his opponent with some amazing gets. Playing the number 4 spot was Gaurav Gaiha '99. Gaiha faced an opponent who put away every short ball that he came across. After dropping the first two games, Gaiha showed signs of resistance, and won the third game. But his opponent managed to outplay him in the fourth and final game, and won the match 3-1.

Comeback kid Danny Cheriyan '99, after a series of spectacular moves from his placement of #9 at the beginning of the Squash season, played #5 in the match. Cheriyan's excitement about making the Andover Interschols team received a blow when he lost to his Belmont Hill opponent 0-3. Cheriyan had a rough match, and would have won had he played better and had his opponent been much worse.

Playing number six for Andover was Naveen Goela '99. Goela controlled the entire match, rarely missing a shot, and stopping his opponent at every turn. Cheered on by the violent outbursts of #8 Nakul Patel '01 and #9 Drew Chin '00, Collis Klarburg '99 played in a highly charged match, but easily prevailed over his opponent 3-0.

Andover's Squash team, after playing a long series of matches in the past two weeks, has improved dramatically. Wednesday's 3-4 loss to Belmont Hill was a disappointment, but Andover is ready for revenge at Interschols.

Boys' squash co-captain Ben Goldhirsh '99 made a tremendous comeback this week after a short absence. Photo/ D. Kurs

2/10/99

Boys' Squash Beats St. George's; Defeats Opponents by a 6-1 deficit

Thayer Christodoulo
MANAGING EDITOR

Andover	**6**
St. George's	**1**

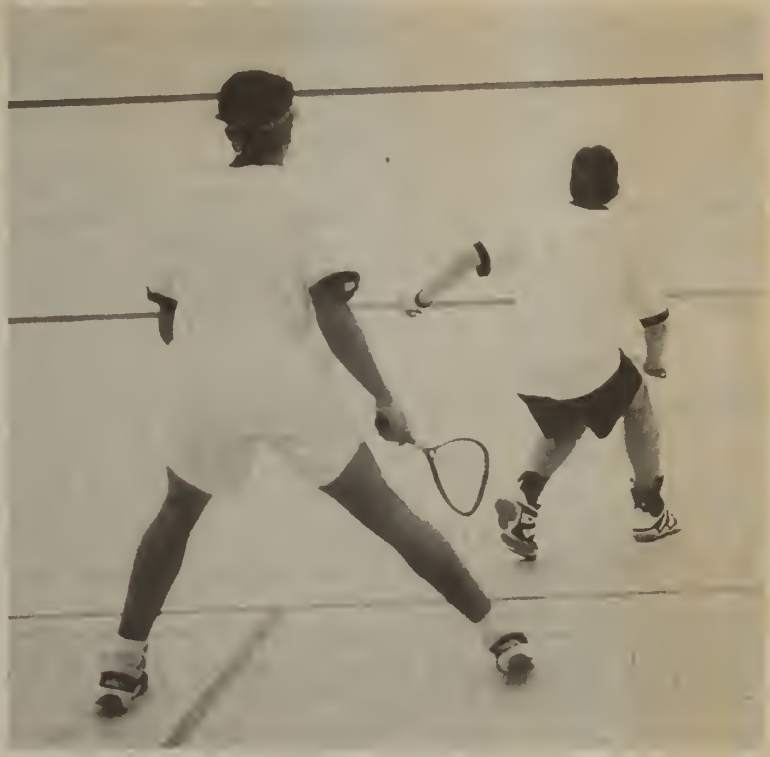
BOYS' SQUASH

On several occassions one can hear the boys' squash co-captain Ben Goldhirsh '99 explaining to a less experienced player that in order to play well, "you've got to play with some heart. You've got to want to win." The boys in Blue took these words to heart as the six seniors on the team played their hearts out in the final home game of their careers last Wednesday, ultimately destroying an overmatched St. George's squad 6-1.

Andover's one loss of the day came at the number one position, where co-captain Piercarlo Valdesolo '99 faced a fierce opponent who is ranked among the top ten players in the world. Despite a valiant effort by Valdesolo, his St. George's opponent was simply more experienced and easily outplayed the Italian Stallion in a quick three games.

At the number two spot, Goldhirsh set an example for the younger players on his team as he crushed his opponent in three straight games. However, it must be noted that St. George's level of play dropped dramatically from its top seeded player to the next competitor down the ladder.

Playing number three for the Big Blue, Nate Beck, the team's lone lower, overpowered his opponent in three straight games. Beck's strength came from his quick reflexes and his ability to reach almost every ball hit to him.



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Piercarlo Valdesolo '99, playing at the Number One Spot, fell to his World-ranked St. George's opponent in three games

Gaurav Gaiha '99 continued the 3-0 win trend at the number four spot. Gaiha's games were close, though he ultimately pulled through with a strong boast-drop combination.

Dan Cheriyan '99 swept his opponent in three games, as did Naveen Goela '99, and Collis Klarberg '99, playing at the fifth, sixth and seventh spots, respectively. Each of these players had few problems in their matches as they controlled the points over their less-experienced opponents.

Commented Goldhirsh, "It was my last home match, and tears were literally shed on the court. It was a sad day for the boys' squash team, and a generally sad day in the squash gallery. It was a good way to end my experiences playing at home for my team."

The boys look forward to a rematch with rival Exeter next Wednesday, a match that Andover easily won in the first meeting earlier this season. The New England Interscholastic Competitions in two weeks will prove the ultimate test for Andover as the boys will meet several teams they have never before played, and subsequently see how they compare to New England's top teams. With just a few losses going into Interschols and strong leadership from captains Valdesolo and Goldhirsh, and coach Tom Cone, the team is simply a force which will dare to be reckoned with at Interschols.

2/17/99

Boys' Squash Finishes in Fifth Out of 32 Teams at Interschols

by Ben Goldhirsh and Piercarlo Valdesolo
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

What can you say about the guys on the boys squash team. Other than Carlo and Ben, not much. So why don't we just focus the attention on these two stallions of swing for the entirety of the article. Ben Goldhirsh is 5'10 and 165 pounds of pure muscle. For the past four years, he's worked his way up through the squash ranks of the school. Starting off on the JV2 team freshman year Ben's talent was immediately spotted by Nat Smith who encouraged and supported his play. "Don't ever give up Ben, I gave up on my dream to be a modern dancer" said Smith "and I've always regretted it. Sometimes late at night, when I'm all alone, I still put on my leotards and tu-tu. But that's another story". Ben was profoundly effected by this quote, and upon realizing his love for the sport which pits man against man in an inescapable cage, Ben dedicated his life to squash success. At the same time another career was Budding. The Italian stallion, Piercarlo Valdesolo, also decided to dedicate his life to this most noble sport. The two although lifelong friends were torn apart by their competitive natures. They both started the season aiming at the coveted number one spot on JV 2, what happened from then on is history. Though Piercarlo triumphed in the lone challenge match of that year, the real star of JV2 was still in question as Ben suffered from a blazing case of epididimitus on the day of the match.

The next year Piercarlo was promoted to varsity while Ben remained on JV. The day after the final cuts Piercarlo confronted Ben in the hall. "Ben, we went to school together, we served together, but over the years I've been promoted up through the ranks with more speed and success than you. If this is a source of pain or embarrassment for you, I don't give a f*ck. Never disobey my orders in front of a fellow officer again. Santiago stays where he is, we're going to train the lad."

The following year the two were reunited again as Ben made the varsity team. They set their old differences aside and concentrated on bringing home a New England Championship. Ultimately, they failed, finishing a far off second to Taft. That night emotions boiled over in the hotel room. "Why did you lose that match, Carlo?" "Do you want answers?" "I think I'm entitled to them" "Do you want answers!?" "I want the truth!" "You can't handle the truth. Ben, we play a sport that has walls and those walls need to be guarded by men with balls. Whose going to do it? You? You, Head Coach Cone? I have a greater responsibility than you can possibly fathom. You weep for Karlen and you curse Taft, you have that luxury. You have the luxury of not knowing what I know, that my loss, while tragic, probably saved lives. And my existence while grotesque and incomprehensible to you, saves lives. You don't want the truth because deep down in places you don't talk about at parties, you want me in those walls. You need me in those walls. We use words like rail, boast, nick, we use these words as the backbone of a life spent defending something. You use them as a punch line. I have neither the time nor the inclination to explain myself to a man who rises and sleeps under the blanket of freedom which I provide and questions the manner in which I provide it. I would much rather you said thank you and went on your way otherwise I suggest you pick up a racket and win a match. Either way I don't give a damn what you think you are entitled to." "Did you throw that match?" 'I did the job I had to.." "Did you throw that match!!?" 'You're goddamn right I did!!".

In conclusion we would like to thank those who have made our squash careers so bountiful and fruitful. Mr. Smith truly you are an inspiration, with your amazing work ethic and never say die approach you lead by example. Mr. Cone simply you are the ultimate gentleman squash player, women want you, and we all want to be you.

I hope the future is as good to you as you have been to us. To the Phillips Academy fans thank you for being so faithful, for packing the seats match in and match out you were the eighth member of our team. Its been fun while it lasted.

SPORT: Squash - Girls

YEAR: 1998 - 1999

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HOME ADDRESS:

MANAGER:
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COACH: Tom Hodgson
ASSISTANT COACHES:

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GREENFIELD-SANDERS, LILY (c)
HARMELING, ASHLEY A.
HRDY, C. ALEXANDRA
HUANG, WENDY
OLANS, JESSICA L.
PEYTON, BROOKE A.

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GIRL'S SQUASH

			PA	OPP
Dec. 2, 1998	(H)	Tabor	7	0
Jan. 9, 1999	(A)	Choate	2	5
Jan. 15, 1999	(A)	Brooks	7	0
Jan. 20, 1999	(H)	St. Paul's	0	7
Jan. 23, 1999	(A)	Exeter	5	2
Jan. 27, 1999	(A)	Groton	4	3
Jan 29, 1999	(A)	Tufts	7	0
Feb. 3, 1999	(A)	Noble & Greenough	7	0
Feb. 6, 1999	(H)	Milton	5	2
Feb. 10, 1999	(A)	St,paul's	0	7
Feb. 17, 1999	(A)	Winsor V @ M.I.T.	7	0
Feb. 20, 1999	(H)	Groton	6	1
Feb. 24, 1999	(H)	Exeter	4	3
Feb. 26, 1999	(A)	Interscholastic (Groton)	6 th place	

Girls Squash Opponents

by Wendy Huang
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover	7
Tabor	0
Andover	4
Harvard JV	3
Andover	2
Choate	5
Andover	5
Middlesex	2

The girls' varsity squash team returned to the courts this season with a vengeance to live up to last year's impeccable 12-2 record. They returned to fill the gaps created by the loss of four seniors from last year's squad, three of whom played the top three seeds on the ladder last year.

However, has not significantly affected the teams" performance thus far. Returning varsity players seniors Lily Greenfield-Sanders and Carolyn Grace, and uppers Thayer Christodoulo, Sasha Hrdy and Ashley Harmeling, will be aided by strong newcomers Roopali Agarwal '99, Alexis Beckford '00, Jess Olans '01, Brooke Peyton '01 and Wendy Huang '01. The team has shown a very strong performance in its' first few matches of the season.

Before Winter Break began, the girls dominated their matches, shutting out Tabor Academy 7-0 and taking the Harvard JV squad 4-3. With these two victories under their belts, the girls left for winter break confident of their abilities.

Choate

It may have been the illness which robbed the team of Beckford's skills for this match, the long break without practice, or maybe even the long road trip that damp Saturday morning, but whatever the reasons in the end the Choate team just proved too strong for the Blue overpowering them 2-5.

Playing number one, Grace succumbed to her worthy opponent in three games, 1-9, 1-9, 4-9. Next at number two, Harmeling bested her adversary, the Choate team captain, in three games; out maneuvering and outwitting her 9-1, 9-1, 9-3. At the next court, Hrdy took her opponent in a quick three games 9-1, 10-9, 10-8.

The next four matches down the ladder turned out to be heart breakers for the PA team. Agarwal, playing at the number four position, lost in five games a match that at points seemed like it could go either way. The final score, a tough 9-7, 4-9, 2-9, 9-3, 5-9. PLaying in the fifth spot for PA, Christodoulo fought for every point against her opponent, but lost in a tight four with game scores of 6-9, 7-9, 10-9, 7-9.

At number six, Greenfield Sanders took the first game off her opponent, but could not hold onto the match. She was bested in four games, 9-6, 3-9, 5-9, 3-9.

And in her Varsity debut, Olans was pitched against a very talented opponent. After many long points and some amazing shots, Olans lost the match in three, 4-9, 8-10, 4-9.

On the outcome of the first match of the new year Captain Greenfield Sanders remarked, "We had a disappointing loss to Choate earlier this week, but I believe it was due to the long break in which we weren't playing much squash. It was an readjustment match."

Middlesex

The team seemed to have no problem bouncing back after Saturday's loss this Wednesday when they rode on over to Middlesex and made a killing. On the way to the match an enthused Grace stated, "We are going to rock!" And so they did, winning by a safe 5-2.

Playing the number one slot, Harmeling lost in three to the extraordinary Middlesex number one known as "Lillian." At two, Grace swept her opponent away easily winning 9-4, 9-3, 9-1. Likewise, the Middlesex counterpart to PA's number three was no match for Hrdy. Hrdy walked away after three games, 9-3, 9-2, 9-2.

Playing up today, Christodoulo played hard but was defeated by a skilled competitor 6-9, 10-8, 6-9. Olans, playing the sixth match for PA, struggled a bit through her games but in the end pulled through and ended the match in three games. And finally, one of the highlights of the Wednesday afternoon trip, Greenfield Sanders won her match easily 9-0, 9-0, 9-1. Just one point shy of that coveted triple bagel, also known as the Big Mac, the girls' varsity squash team kicks off a new season, Greenfield Sanders reflects, "I have a lot of hope for the team because we have a great depth of players all the way through JV. Coach Hodgson has is doing pretty rigorous workouts and we'll be in really good shape for Interschols."

1/9/99

Brooks

Friday afternoon, the girls drove over icy without three of their regular players Alexis Beckford '00, Jess Olans '01 and Brooke Peyton '01. Despite this misfortune, PA went into the match with high spirits and easily overcame the traditionally weaker Brooks team.

Playing number one for Andover, Ashley Harmeling '00 battled her Brooks counterpart eventually coming out of three games on top 9-5, 9-6, 9-2. At two, Caroline Grace '99 was able to eliminate her opponent in a matter of minutes 9-0, 9-1, 9-3. Sasha Hrdy '00 at number three, played an incredible game of positioning and shocked her adversary 9-1, 9-0, 9-0. Roopali Agarwal '99 playing at number four, also won easily 9-1, 9-0, 9-0. Number five, Thayer Christodoulo '00, hardly broke a sweat as she bewildered her competition in three short games 9-0, 9-2, 10-8. Captain Lily Greenfield-Sanders '99, seeded at number six, routed her rival 9-1, 9-4, 9-0. Wendy Huang '01, beat out the Brooks number seven 9-2, 9-2, 9-1.

The girls' squash team hit both ends of the spectrum this week, shutting out Brooks and getting shut out by St. Paul's. The girls should not be too discouraged by the loss; St. Paul's handed Andover its only two losses last year, and the teams will meet again later this year as Andover looks for revenge. Photo / D. Kurs

1/15/99
1/20/99

Girls' Squash Dominates Rivals, Exeter and Groton

by Wendy Huang
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover	5
Exeter	2

Andover	4
Groton	3

The girls' squash team powered through their matches this week leaving a battered Exeter and hustled Groton in their wake. Andover shut down the Exeter team on foreign turf Saturday, taking the match 5-2 and delivering a blow to Groton with a win of 4-3. Both teams played were of comparable ability and the girls played hard to gain these two victories, upping their season record to a respectable six wins to two losses.

1/23/99
1/27/99

Exeter

Twenty-three Andover squash players of all shapes and sizes proved that they could "eat red meat" this past Saturday, sweeping the varsity through JV2 matches. Varsity captured their match 5-2, JV1 seized theirs 4-3 and JV2 shut out their adversaries 9-0.

Of this experience Caroline Grace '99 remarked, "They were doomed from the second we walked onto the court."

At number one, Ashley Harmeling '00 fought for the match against her opponent, but was disappointed in three games 5-9, 4-9, 4-9. Sasha Hrdy '00 at number two, had to contend not only with her opponent, but with a crowd of Exeter fans as well. Despite these distractions, Hrdy came out the winner of the four game match, 9-1, 6-9, 9-5, 9-6. At three, the Exeter player was no match for the Blue's Grace who finished her off in a quick match lasting under twenty minutes 9-2, 9-0, 9-0.

Roopali Agarwal '99, the number four seed for PA, battled with her opponent for four games. She toyed with her opponent for the first three games, taking the first 9-1, giving up the second 8-10, and winning the third 10-9. She then finished off the match by tearing her rival's game apart, concentrating her fire on her competition's weak backhand, running away with the last game 9-1.

And with the most heartbreaking game of the match against Exeter, Alexis Beckford '00 at number five, grappled with her opponent for five long games, but came up just one point short for the match losing 7-9, 9-7, 6-9, 7-9, 9-10.

Number six, Thayer Christodoulo '00, puzzled her opponent and took her match easily in three games despite her dramatic scores of 10-9, 9-1, 10-9. And finally at number seven, Jess Olans '01 started off strong against her foe and progressively got stronger beating out the Exeter number seven in three 9-5, 9-1, 9-0.

Groton

The Blue hit the road once again Wednesday to challenge the Groton team at their new courts. Groton has just recently finished building and remodeling their sports buildings and so the team was treated to the view of twelve new international squash courts. The team took this opportunity not only to destroy their hosts, but to also scout out the facilities where this year's interschols will be held.

Harmeling, at number one position, was disappointed by a former top player for prep-school squash powerhouse Greenwich Academy in three games 3-9, 2-9, 0-9. At number two, Hrdy easily outmanuvered and overcame her opponent in three games 9-2, 9-1, 9-2.

Seeded at number three, Grace played an exciting match taking the first two games 9-7, 9-2 then fighting back from a 2-7 position in the third game to win it 10-9. Agarwal, at four, demolished her adversary in four games 9-5, 9-7, 5-9, 9-5. Perhaps the most hair-raising match of the day came at the number five seed. Christodoulo fought a grueling match but lost at the end of five games 0-9, 10-9, 6-9, 9-3, 7-9. Playing up one seed from her usual position, Olans also had a tough time with her Groton counterpart losing her match 0-9, 5-9, 3-9.

And at number seven, Captain Lily Greenfield-Sanders '99, played an exceptional game against a worthy foe and took her match in five 6-9, 9-7, 9-2, 2-9, 9-7.

Of these two wins Christodoulo remarked, "I think we played exceptionally well. Our win over Exeter was especially thrilling and we did well against Groton even though the entire match was close. These solid victories provide a good foundation for our upcoming challenge in interschols."

Girls' Squash Blanks Tufts JV and Nobles

by Wendy Huang
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover	7
Tufts JV	0

Andover	7
Nobles	0

Complete and utter humiliation. That's what Tufts JV and Nobles & Greenough were left with after facing the Big Blue's girls varsity squash team. On a hot streak, the girls shut out both teams they played 7-0 this week pushing their season record to an impeccable eight wins to two losses.

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Tufts JV

The girls headed down to Boston Friday to challenge the Tufts JV team. Due to a series of misfortunes, they had to make the trip without regular players Caroline Grace '99 (at number four), Alexis Beckford '00 (at number six), and Jess Olans '01 (at number seven). After arriving at the gym and actually finding the mysteriously elusive Tufts squash courts, the team proceeded to manhandle the older team taking the match 7-0.

Ashley Harmeling '00 started the match off at the number one seed. "Ashley's match was the most intense of all the matches. It was a really close match; it could have gone either way, but Ashley really stuck it out," said Captain Lily Greenfield-Sanders '99. Harmeling went back and forth with her opponent for five games before coming out on top 10-8, 6-9, 5-9, 10-8, 9-3.

At number two, Sasha Hrdy '00 defeated her opponent in four games using her backhand drop shot as a scything weapon 9-7, 9-2, 7-9, 9-2.

The next five matches on the ladder were all won easily by the Andover girls in three games each. Playing up one seed, Roopali Agrwal '99 ran her opponent all over the court, annihilating her 9-0, 9-2, 9-8. Thayer Christodoulo '00 won her match at number four in a matter of minutes, destroying her adversary 9-2, 9-2, 9-2.

The surprise placement of Wendy Huang '01 at the number five seed due to an unexpected absence, turned out well as Huang took her match in three games 9-3, 9-4, 9-0. At the number six seed, Brooke Peyton '01 also had an easy time with her opponent. The Tufts number six simply "wasn't very determined," according to Peyton. After losing quickly in the first game, Peyton's competition tried switching her game plan, but wasn't very successful against Peyton's tight game. The Blue took the number six match 9-3, 9-0, 9-2.

For the first time this year, the coveted Big Mac has been achieved in a girl's varsity match. Greenfield-Sanders blew away her competition with deep shots and penetrating backhands from the very beginning of the match. She came back to school Friday night with a big mac under her belt: 9-0, 9-0, 9-0.

Nobles & Greenough

Confident from their huge win over Tufts, the girls headed out once again Wednesday to challenge the Nobles team. The team fought through several close matches and pulled through to take the match 7-0.

At number one, Harmeling once again played a long nail-biter for all those watching. Throughout the grueling match, Harmeling showed all onlookers what it takes to be number one, eventually winning the match in four games.

Hrdy, playing the number two seed, also pleased her audience with her skills, as she took her match in four games 9-5, 9-0, 7-9, 9-2. Agarwal, at number three, had an easier time with her opponent. She demolished the Nobles number three, keeping the ball in the back corners and out of her opponents reach, winning 9-1, 9-4, 9-2. Christodoulo, at four, set the Noble's team up for a moral bashing as she eradicated one of Noble's co-captains 9-6, 9-1, 9-1.

At number six, Olans had a little more trouble with the other co-captain as she fought back from a disconcerting loss in the first game to win the match 0-9, 9-4, 9-7, 9-2. Peyton's match at number six was also hard-fought and eventually hard-won. By far the longest match of the day, she went for over an hour with her opponent for five games. She earned the win 8-9, 3-9, 9-5, 9-6, 9-5.

And finally, Greenfield-Sanders, at number seven, narrowly missed continuing her rack of bagels taking her match 9-5, 9-0, 9-0.

Girls' Squash Breaks Even

by Wendy Huang
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover	5
Exeter	2
St. Paul's	7
Andover	0

This past week has held two pressure-filled matches for the girls squash team. The first, against a competative Milton team, turned out well for the Blue as the PA girls battled to take the match 5-2. The match against St. Paul's Wednesday however, did not bode as well as the girls were shut down in their quest for redemption 7-0.

Milton

Tensions ran high Wednesday as the girls hosted the Milton team to a competition filled with five-game matches and bitter debate. While the bottom half of PA's ladder was clearly stronger than their Milton counterparts, the contestants of the top four seeds were fairly evenly matched, resulting in a series of long and close matches. Andover was able to come out on top winning two out of the three five game matches and the bottom three matches 5-2.

At the number one position, Ashley Harmeling '00 played through a bad cold to rally against her opponent for five games. She fought hard for the match, but eventually succumbed 4-9, 9-5, 10-9, 5-9, 6-9. Coach Hodgson said of her performance, "She battled tough, she's a fiesty competitor."

Sasha Hrdy '00, at the number two seed, also played a long and grueling match. Spectators were kept at attention by both the exciting points and the arguments among the fans. At several points during the game, the overly enthusiastic Milton team photographer was moved to loudly object to the marker Lily Greenfield-Sanders '99 judgement calls on certain points. In response to this harassment, Captain Greenfield-Sanders asked the Milton aficionado, "Do you play squash?" Having no suitable answer to this question, the Milton fan backed down. Hrdy played four long games and in the fifth came back from 4-8 to win the match 2-9, 10-8, 7-9, 9-4, 10-8.

At number three, Roopali Agrwal '99 played tough match. She went four games against her opponent, but came up short in the end 2-9, 8-10, 9-7, 2-9.

Thayer Christodoulo '00, at number four, played the third five game match of the day. She struggled with her opponent for four games before shifting her game plan in the fifth to include more volleys and backhands. She pulled it off in the fifth 9-5, 7-9, 6-9, 9-3, 10-8.

The next three matches were all dominated by the Andover players. At the number five seed, Alexis Beckford '00, back to the team after recovering from an injury, started again strong laying waste to her opponent 9-5, 9-1, 9-5. Jess Olans '01 also had an easy time with her adversary, showing her to a quick and painless loss 9-1, 9-1, 9-2. And finally Greenfield-Sanders, at the number seven position, blew away yet another Milton girl with her skills 9-2, 9-1, 9-0.

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St. Paul's

Looking to improve on their 7-0 loss to last month, the girls traveled to St. Paul's Wednesday afternoon with a mission. St. Paul's has been a traditionally strong team and is even stronger now with it's world class squash recruit from Zimbabwe. The last time the two teams faced, St. Paul's walked away with a landslide win of 7-0, only giving up one game out of the seven matches played. The Blue fared a little better this time around.

Harmeling, at number one, faced St. Paul's Linda McNair again. She struggled and improved on her last scores, but lost in three games 1-9, 2-9, 3-9. At two, Hrdy also battled for her games coming very close to taking a few of them, but frustratingly, she lost 8-10, 1-9, 9-10.

Agrwal, at number three, had to deal with a number of questionable calls by her opponent as well as the St. Paul's girl's skills. Agrwal lost in three 1-9, 5-9, 5-9. Caroline Grace '99, stepping in as the number four seed after three weeks of being off the courts due to illness, was not able to get back into the swing of things as quickly as she would have liked to. She stubbornly stuck with her game, but conceeded the match in three games 4-9, 2-9, 2-9.

Christodoulo kept all those watching on edge as she tore through some very hard points. Despite her superhuman efforts, she lost in three 1-9, 5-9, 3-9. At six, Beckford also fought hard and rallied again in the third game, but lost in three 7-9, 0-9, 5-9. Olans, at seven, took the only game won by Andover during the day, but lost her match in four 5-9, 9-7, 3-9, 5-9.

"We played better points, had some better games, but the result was the same. I was hoping we would do a bit better, but they have a good team. They'll be the team to beat at interschols." Said Coach Hodgson of the match.

Winsor Falls to Girls' Squash By a Whopping 7 to 0 Margin

by Wendy Huang
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover	**7**
Winsor	**0**

With their ladder set for Interschols, the girls squash team stormed Boston Wednesday afternoon and took the Winsor School by force. There, the girls had to adapt to difficult court conditions, but nonetheless won the match in a clean sweep, 7-0.

At number one Ashley Harmeling '00 simply outplayed her opponent and won her match in less than ten minutes. Keeping the ball always just out of reach from her opponent, Harmeling took the match in three games, 9-1, 9-4, 9-0.

Sasha Hrdy '00, playing at the number two seed, did not have as easy a time with her opponent. Hrdy, as usual, moved her opponent around the court with very well placed shots, but had difficulty moving around herself. Hrdy attributes this to the court conditions and over-consumption of candy before the match. Coach Hodgson backed her up by commenting, "We may need some adjustment in Sasha's 'training diet.'" Despite that difficulty, Hrdy went on to take the match in five games 8-10, 9-1, 7-9, 10-9, 9-4.

At the number three seed, Roopali Agarwal '99 came up against former PA number one Jen Shingleton's '98 younger sister Rebecca. Unfortunately, Shingleton attempted to play through a fever. After the first game, which Agarwal won 9-4, Agarwal received a default because of illness.

Carolyn Grace '99 played number four for Andover and battled with her opponent through four close games. Grace, like Hrdy, had some trouble in dealing with the slick surface of the courts and her unsure footing was reflected in her score. After some more experience with the courts and modifying her game plan a little after the second game, Grace came out on top 7-9, 10-8, 9-2, 9-6.

The Blue's number five, Alexis Beckford '00, crushed her opponent reasonably easily and very quickly. She seemed not to mind the differences in the courts' surfaces as she mauled her adversary 9-0, 9-2, 9-1.

Up against her former Winsor schoolmates, Thayer Christodoulo '00 seemed to be playing with a vengeance as she creamed her opponent at the number six seed. Christodoulo took her match in three games 9-1, 9-1, 9-2.

Captain Lily Greenfield-Sanders '99, at seven, also took her match in three games. She kept her shots deep and her opponent simply couldn't keep up. Greenfield-Sanders wrapped her match up in just a few minutes, winning 9-1, 9-3, 9-0.

Grace commented on the match, "We had a hard time adjusting at first to the narrow and slippery courts and low ceilings, but once we got used to the conditions we controlled the matches. Had we played at the wide courts at PA, Winsor would have seen much fewer points than they did this time."

This match against Winsor was the first of the three matches left in the season before Interschols. Over the course of this season, the team has amassed an impressive record of ten wins and three losses. The girls look ahead to the two remaining matches of the season against traditional powers Groton and Exeter.

Said Greenfield-Sanders, "We played our final challenge matches last week and have frozen the ladder for the rest of the season. We are practicing in this order now to prepare for Interschols. There's been a lot of illness and injury this season so that has been a factor in our rough ladder. But I think our one through seven are very good players and will be tough competitors at interschols. We'll need to depend on the bottom half of the ladder for strength. The teams we'll have to worry about there, I think, will be St. Paul's and Greenwich Academy, who have always performed very well. If we work and stay warm I think we

Playing at number 4, Thayer Christodoulo '00 beat her Milton opponent in a fifth game tie-breaker.

2/17/99

Girls' Squash Has Successful Season, Ends With 12-3 Record

by Wendy Huang
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Led by strong group of returning players, the girls' squash team capped off a successful season with a sixth place finish at the New England Interscholastic Competition this year. The team finished the season with an impressive record of 12 wins and 3 losses and looks forward to its next under the guidance of captain-elect Ashley Harmeling '00.

Beginning the season without last years top three seeds, returning players Harmeling, Sasha Hrdy '00, Caroline Grace '99, Thayer Christodoulo '00, and Captain Lily Greenfield-Sanders '99 stepped up to fill their predecessors's big shoes. Roopali Agarwal '99, Jess Olans '01, and Wendy Huang '01 from last year's JV ranks; newcomer to the game Brooke Peyton '01; and Jamaican sensation Alexis Beckford '00 also helped to bolster the team's tremendous record.

Coach Tom Hodgson said of the season, "I think everyone had her successes; we had help this season from all up and down the ladder."

The girls returned to the courts ready to prove themselves capable of living up to the legacy left by last years group. Before leaving for a long winter break the girls won two decisive victories over their opponents, indicators of what was to come later in the season. In the first matches of the season, the Blue swept Tabor 7-0 and edged out an older and more experienced Harvard JV team 4-3. With these two wins under their belts, the girls left for the break confident of their abilities as a team.

When they returned, they were upset by the Choate team 2-5. After that eye-opener the girls fought a little harder through a season plagued with illness and injury. Of the 15 matches played this season, the Blue only lost to two teams; the first loss to Choate toward the beginning of the season and the next two to, traditional squash powerhouse, St. Paul's.

Some of the more notable matches of the season included the two victories over the Exeter squad. The first win came very easily to the Blue. 22 Andover squash players took the bus through rain and snow over to the forbidding gray gym and beat Exeter's Varsity, JV, and JV 2 teams on their own turf. The second win at home came a little tougher, but the Blue once again emerged victorious 4-3.

The season closed with the annual Interschols held this year at Groton's new facilities. There, the girls had to adjust to the different walls of the courts which made the balls have less of a bounce than the walls of Phillips Academy's squash courts. Despite these differences the girls all proved themselves as competitors to be reckoned with and a team with a demanding presence at Interschols.

At this competition, the top seven players from each school compete against the respective seeds from the thirty other schools attending the competition. Andover placed sixth to, as Coach Hodgson said, "Four teams that were clearly better than us and only one point behind the Choate team."

Playing number one for Andover, Harmeling lost in the first round of her draw to the number one seed of the tournament. Her opponent, a player from Greenwich Academy, place second in the tournament. Harmeling entered and won the consolation draw garnering three points for the Andover team.

At two, Hrdy won her first round match and lost the second. Agarwal, at the number three seed, echoed Hrdy's results winning her first match and losing the second. Grace played at the number four position at Interschols after having been out due to illness for a good portion of the season. She defeated her opponent from Exeter in the first round, but came up short in her second. Beckford, also scored three points for the team by taking her first match. She lost her second game after a long and grueling match.

Christodoulo, in what Coach Hodgson called a "heroic effort," played through an ankle injury to reach the finals of the consolation draw of the six seed tournament. After losing the first round, Christodoulo went on to the consolation draw and severely sprained her ankle while playing match against an opponent from Exeter. She went on to defeat the rest of her foes standing in between her and the consolation finals. There, she battled her opponent for every point, eventually losing after five long games.

Thayer Christodoulo '00 sprained her ankle at Interschols but still managed to advance to the consolation finals.

Finally, at number seven, Greenfield-Sanders cemented Andover's strong showing at Interschols with a stunning performance of her own. After losing in the first round, she rallied back to win the consolation round of the seven seed draw.

Christodoulo said, "We had a great group of girls this year. Everyone played well and contributed to the team's success. We'll miss Brooke's presence and the seniors, Caroline, Roopali, and Lily, leadership on the courts next year, but I'm looking forward to another amazing season."

SPORT: Swimming - Boys

YEAR: 1998 - 1999

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HOME ADDRESS:

COACH: Loring Strudwick
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NOLL, DANIEL A.
O'DONOGHUE, GEOFFREY P.
SEYMOUR, BRADFORD D.
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Jan. 9, 1999	(A)	Choate	109	76
Jan. 16, 1999	(A)	Loomis-Chaffee	109	76
Jan. 20, 1999	(H)	Lincoln Sudbury	121	61
Jan. 23, 1999	(A)	N.M.H.	120	62
Jan. 30, 1999	(H)	Deerfield	127	47
Feb. 3, 1999	(H)	New England Barracoudas	118	53
Feb. 10, 1999	(A)	Worcester	71	23
Feb. 20, 1999	(H)	Hopkins	103	82
Feb. 24, 1999	(H)	Exeter	78	108
March 5, 1999	(A)	Interschols @ Deerfield	2nd place	

SQUAD STATISTICS

NAME & HOME ADDRESS	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	CLASS	POSITION
da Anderman Kimball Avenue ham, MA 01984			'99	
nies Blitzer Canney Road ham, NH 03824			'99	
chael Cashman Downing Street dover, MA 01810			'02	
ristopher Chen Broad Brook Road [illegible] Hills, NY 10507			'99	
son Cheung [illegible] Lane [illegible] Gap Road [illegible] Levels, Hong Kong			'01	
el Dietz [illegible] Road dover, MA 01810			'00	
ward Dunn [illegible] Place [illegible], NC 27[illegible]			'99	
mas J. Durkin Trout Brook Road [illegible], MA 01826			'99	
vin Emery [illegible] Northeast 18th Street [illegible] Point, FL 33064			'00	
llin Evans [illegible] Arbor Lane [illegible] Forest, IL 60045			'99	
oyuki Hayano [illegible] Tower 5, 18 Tak Pat Shan Rd. [illegible] Peninsula Hong Kong			'99	
nathan Lo [illegible] 39, Manderly Garden Deep Water Bay Road Hong Kong			'02	
rfrey Loh [illegible] Kumakani Place [illegible], HI 96821			'99	
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Bradford Duncan 110 Durham Point Road Durham, NH 03824			'00	
Albert So 102 Lincolnshire Drive Bradford, MA 01835			'01	
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Boys' Swimming Cruises Past Choate and Lincoln-Sudbury

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PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITERS

1/9/99

1/20/99

Andover	**109**
Choate	**76**

Andover	**123**
Lincoln	**60**

The first meet of the 1999 boys' swim season took place at Choate. In the first event of the day, Andover captured first, second, and fourth place. The relay team of Durkin '99, Chen '99, So '01, and Vantzelfde '00 won by over six seconds. In the 200 meter freestyle, Durkin, Dunn '99, and Washburn placed first, fourth, and sixth respectively. Winning the second event was Albert So, followed by a second place finish from Jon Loh '01. Andover swept the 50 free, with first place going to Vantzelfde, who was followed by Moger and Anderman. Andover's swimmers sat back to watch Mike Rechnitz '00 destroy the Choate divers. After this rest, Todd Anderman '99, Rob Webb '01, and Chris Chen '99 swam the 100 fly, coming in first, third, and fourth. Increasing the already astounding lead, Andover came in second and third in the 100 freestyle. Albert So had a second place finish in a long, grueling event - the 500 free. Andover's team of Anderman, Moger, Blitzer, and Vantzelfde won the 200 free relay. The highlight of the meet came when T.J. Durkin swam the 100 back in 59.64 seconds, setting a New England record. After this excitement, Chris Chen won the 100 breastroke. Finishing out the day, the relay team of So, Moger, Anderman, and Durkin easily beat their competitors. It was a great day for the Andover boys who won 10 out of 12 events, with the final score 109-76

Lincoln-Sudbury

The first home meet of the season was off to a great start when Andover's 200 yard medley relay team of T.J. Durkin, Chris Chen, Albert So, and Nate Vantzelfde blew the competition away taking first place, closely followed by Andover's "B" relay team of Anderman, Evans, Lo, and Blitzer. Durkin won the 200 free, followed by Dunn, who had a great race and placed second. The Andover sprinters again proved their dominance in the 50 free, taking the top three spots. The pool once again became silent as Mike Rechnitz dove to a first place finish. This was followed by another 1-2-3 finish in the 100 butterfly by So, Chen, and Lo. With a time of 51.68 Todd Andermann won teh 100 free. In the most exciting event of the meet, the team of Durkin, Moger, Vantzelfde, and Andermann proceeded to win the 200 yard freestyle relay and set new school and pool records, but, in a controversial call, was disqualified. Despite obvious resentment following the disqualification, Durkin won the 100 back, and Chen followed to win the 100 breastroke, increasing Andover's lead greatly. Wrapping up the meet was the team of Blitzer, Dunn, So, and Anderman, who won the 400 free relay by 15 seconds. The final score was an easy 123-60 victory for the Blue.

Boys' Swimming Takes nd in NE Durkin '99 s Named All-American

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BOYS' SWIMMING

Coming off a third place finish at the 1998 New England Championships, the Boys' Swimming and Diving team was looking to a successful season. With nine returning seniors and incredible performances from underclassmen, the season was marked by convincing victories over every team in the league except rival Exeter, who took the championship in the end. The boys' second place finish at New England's, however, was marked by personal bests from just about every member of the team and Captain T.J. Durkin's '99 winning of the Babcock Award for high character and athletic performance.

The season opened with the annual dual meet against Choate Rosemary Hall. The Blue dominated the entire meet, winning every single event except the 100 yard freestyle and the 500 yard freestyle. The triumvirate of Nate Vantzelfde '00, Nat Moger '00 and Todd Anderman '99 swept the 50 yard freestyle, while Durkin won both the 200 yard freestyle and 100 yard backstroke. Andover's perennially strong relays also prevailed, as all three teams handily won the 200 yard medley relay, 200 yard freestyle relay and 400 yard freestyle relay. By the end of the meet Andover had thoroughly defeated the Choate squad leaving the final score at 109-76.

The next meet against the Loomis-Chaffee Pelicans turned out to be quite similar to the Choate contest. Although the Blue did not dominate the individual events as they had during the previous meet, strong relay finishes again propelled the Blue to an easy victory. The 200 yard medley relay team of Durkin, Chris Chen '99, Albert So '01 and Vantzelfde bettered its time by almost two seconds, while Durkin continued his winning streak in the 100 yard backstroke. Chen and Collin Evans '99 also took first and second in the 100 yard breast-stroke, respectively, while So took first place in the 200 yard individual medley, leaving the final score at 109-76.

Lincoln-Sudbury proved to be even less of an opponent for the Blue, as the Andover boys steamrolled to an even greater margin of victory. In the usual fashion, Andover took first place in every event except the 200 yard individual medley and 500 yard freestyle. Vantzelfde, Moger and Blitzer '99 swept the 50 yard freestyle, while Durkin had yet another amazing performance in the 100 yard backstroke. All three relays won easily, including the 200 yard freestyle relay composed of Evans, Carl Dietz '00, Jon Lo '02 and Blitzer. The 123-60 victory left the Blue confident entering their meet against Northfield Mt. Hermon, another team rumored to be rebuilding.

The Blue got exactly what it was expecting, a young, slow NMH squad. In fact, Andover was feeling so charged for the competition that it set four new NMH pool records. The 200 yard medley relay team of Durkin, Chen, Anderman and Vantzelfde set a record at 1:43.01, while Durkin set a record of his own in the 100 yard freestyle (48.73). Chen shattered the 100 yard breast-stroke record (1:02.76) and the 200 yard freestyle relay, consisting of So, Evans, Lo and Blitzer, managed to put its name on the record board as well (1:33.95). The impressive individual and team performance left Andover with an easy 120-62 victory against the Hoggers.

The next meet against Deerfield proved to be the easiest contest of the season thus far, as Deerfield had graduated in excess of ten seniors. This left Coach Larry Boyle with little to work with, as the score would eventually show. The home meet also gave Andover the opportunity to break coveted pool records. The 200 yard freestyle relay team of Durkin, Moger, Anderman and Vantzelfde broke both the Andover pool and school record with an impressive time of 1:28.86. Immediately after, Durkin swam to victory in the 100 yard backstroke, an event he had yet to lose in the season. Andover managed to win every single event on

the program except for the 400 yard freestyle relay, as Coach Loring Strudwick scratched all three Andover relay teams in that event out of courtesy. Despite not scoring any points in the final relay, Andover still managed to blow away the big green giant by a score of 127-47.

The Blue's schedule continued to deliver competition that was anything but. In the next meet against the New England Barracudas, Coach Strudwick used the weak Barracudas as an opportunity for the Andover swimmers to swim off events and obtain seed times for interschols. Despite not swimming everyone in his strong events, Andover managed to take first place in all three relay events and win five of the eight remaining individual events. Highlights included another sweep in the 50 yard freestyle by Durkin, Vantzelfde and Dan Noll '02, and a one-two finish in the 200 yard freestyle (Blitzer and Moger), 100 yard freestyle (Vantzelfde and Moger) and the 100 yard backstroke (Durkin and Lo), leaving the Blue with an easy 118-52 victory.

The Blue wasn't sure what to expect entering its next meet against Hopkins. The 1998 New England runner-up had given Andover trouble in the past, but the Blue managed to squeeze out a victory with two of the Hopkins swimmers purportedly in drug rehabilitation. Despite its strong lineup, the Blue was having trouble achieving victory in many of its traditionally strong events, and thus looked for much needed second, third and fourth place finishes for valuable place points. Yet another sweep in the 50 yard freestyle by Durkin, Moger and Vantzelfde also contributed to the Andover point total, as did the one-two finish in the 100 yard breast-stroke by Chen and Evans. Ultimately, the Blue managed a 103-82 victory, by far the closest meet of the season.

Andover's last dual meet of the season also gave the team its first loss. Despite many impressive individual and relay performances, a deep Exeter squad managed to pick up points in nearly all of Andover's weaker events. In the first event of the day, the 200 yard medley relay, the team of Durkin, Evans, So and Vantzelfde set an Andover/Exeter record (1:39.95), however, Exeter then managed to take victory in the next five events on the program. This left the Blue with a major point deficit to make up entering the second half of the meet, nonetheless Coach Strudwick was confident in the Blue's strong back end of the meet. Andover did pick up the pace, as Durkin took first place in the 100 yard freestyle and 100 yard backstroke while Chen and Evans took first and second in the 100 yard breaststroke, respectively. Andover's traditionally strong 400 yard freestyle relay also managed to touch out the Exeter team. Unfortunately, the strong second-half performance was not enough to overcome Exeter's early scoring barrage, and the meet ended with a 108-78 Exeter victory.

Not to be discouraged by its loss to Exeter, the Blue went into the New England Championship feeling confident. The day saw many successful individual finishes, including two victories by Durkin in the 100 yard backstroke and 50 yard freestyle. Other notable individual performances included a third place finish by Chen and an eighth place finish by Evans in the 100 yard breast-stroke. Chen also finished seventh in the 100 yard butterfly, while Anderman finished an impressive sixteenth in the same event. Andover's relays also performed well, as the team of Durkin, Chen, So and Vantzelfde finished first in the 200 yard medley relay while Blitzer, Moger, Anderman and Durkin won the 400 yard freestyle relay. All seven of these swimmers were later named to the Boston Globe All-Scholastic Team, the most of any school in the league.

Coach Strudwick was pleased with the team's second place finish, pointing out that nearly every swimmer achieved a season best time in his events. Under the leadership of Strudwick and captain-elect Hunter Washburn '00, the Andover boys' look towards yet another successful season despite the loss of nine seniors.

TJ Durkin '99

Breaking Numerous Records, He Has Become Andover's First Swimming All-American in Three Years

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From the moment seven–year old Thomas J. Durkin, Jr. began swimming competitively to stay in shape for baseball, TJ, as he is now known, has excelled as a swimmer. This year, he has captained the boys' varsity swimming team to a near-perfect record and a decisive win over Hopkins, last year's Interschols winner. Because of both the team's accomplishments and the individual accolades he has garnered, the four-year senior from Dracut, Massachusetts, is this winter's Athlete of the Term.

TJ estimates he began his athletic career at age six, playing basketball, baseball, soccer, and swimming at the YMCA, where his swim teacher recognized TJ's "natural feel for the water", as he calls it. She told TJ's mother about his innate ability as a swimmer, and his mother, playing on TJ's admiration for his older, baseball-playing second cousins, convinced him to begin swimming "to stay in shape for baseball." TJ joined the New Wave Swim Club, a club team based at Lowell High School for which he continues to compete. Practicing three times weekly between late September and March until he was eleven, TJ developed his swimming ability. After turning twelve, TJ became more serious about swimming, practicing daily and, after his thirteenth birthday, even practicing during the summer. Once, he says, he came close to quitting, but his mother convinced him to attend one more practice. Of course, that one more practice turned into many years of swimming success, and TJ is glad he did not quit.

When TJ began to consider high school, his mother remembered his fifth grade teacher's advice - that he apply to Phillips Academy. He did, was admitted, and enrolled. Soon after coming, TJ realized he could not swim year-round and meet the school's sports requirement, so he stopped swimming in the fall and the spring. During the fall of his first two years at the school, despite pleas from fellow swimmers Nick Vantzelfde '97 and Jason DerAnanian '97 for him to play water polo, TJ played defensive back and wide receiver for the JV football team. TJ planned to participate in basics during his upper year while commuting to swim practices at home. However, he soon realized that the time commitment this plan entailed was unreasonable. As a result, he decided to play water polo and, despite the fact that the team had already completed two matches, TJ made the varsity, eventually working his way up to being the second substitute off the bench. This year, TJ won more playing time as the team's "sixth man".

During TJ's freshman and lower springs, he remained true to his childhood love of baseball, pitching and playing infield for the JV team, co-captaining the squad his lower year. Last year, he planned to participate in basics while commuting home to swim each night. Unfortunately, the time required for basics, driving home, and swimming from five to eight o'clock made it difficult for TJ to complete the inordinate amount of work that upper spring entails, and thus he was unable to swim regularly.

Throughout TJ's Phillips Academy, he has faithfully swam on weekends and twice daily during the off season. His hard work has clearly paid off in his numerous accomplishments, records, and honors. Indeed, TJ has been breaking records since lower year, when, at Interschols, he posted the fasted time in the meet in the hundred-yard freestyle. That year, his time in the hundred-yard freestyle and the hundred-yard backstroke qualified for All-American consideration.

As an upper, TJ enjoyed continued success, becoming a Boston Globe All-Star and winning the hundred-yard freestyle and placing second in the hundred-yard backstroke at Interschols. Additionally, he became an Honorable Mention All-American in both the hundred-yard backstroke and the hundred-yard freestyle. TJ also qualified for the United States Open Swimming Championships, but was unable to attend. In this, his senior season, TJ has surpassed everyone's enormous expectations. Early in the season, he smashed the New England Prep record in the hundred-meter backstroke with a time of 59.64 at Choate. Later, he and teammates Nat Moger '00, Nate Vantzelfde '00, and Todd Anderman '99 set both the pool and school records in the two hundred yard freestyle relay with a time of 1:28.86, obliterating the old record. TJ swam the opening leg of that relay in 21:45, setting the pool record in the fifty-yard freestyle.

Currently, TJ's energies are focused toward Interschols, where he hopes to lead the team to a good showing while challenging the New England Prep records in both the hundred-yard freestyle and the hundred-yard backstroke. Additionally, TJ looks to qualify for his first Senior Nationals, an event that serves as the United States Olympic Trials every four years.

Despite TJ's amazing accomplishments in the pool, it's his attitude out of the water about which his teammates talk. "He's a great captain and I'm honored to swim with him," commented Nate Vantzelfde '00. Added Brad Seymour '00, "He's a good leader who's had a real positive influence on other swimmers."

Away from the pool, TJ is a successful student. During his freshman year, he earned a silver medal in the National Latin Exam. The next year, he won the Honorable Merit / Cum Laude award for his performance on that exam. He also takes pride in his honor roll status. In his free time, TJ co-hosts a radio show on WPAA and is a member of the Blue Key Society. TJ has applied to a lengthy list of prestigious universities and, while he does not have a first choice, he wants to swim wherever he goes. With all his accomplishments in and outside the pool, he undoubtedly has a strong future ahead of him.

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Athlete of the Term, T.J. Durkin '99, helped the swim team beat Hopkins on Saturday and set a school record on Wednesday. ***See Page 4.***

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SPORT: Swimming - Girls

YEAR: 1998 - 1999

CAPTAIN: Jessica Shoen
HOME ADDRESS:

MANAGER:
HOME ADDRESS:

COACH: Paul Murphy
ASSISTANT COACHES:

SEASON RECORD

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3rd at Interschols

Swimming - GV

ANDERSON, ELIZABETH G.
BLITZER, MARGARET C.
COWAN, SOPHIE M.
FERRANTI, SARAH V.
FOSTER, ASHLEY F.
FREAS, SYDNEY J.
HEGEDUS, ASHLEIGH H.
HEILWEIL, JESSICA S.
KEIFER, EMILY J.
LARSON, KATHARINE
MISTRETTA, LAURA H.
MURPHY, DEVIN J.
NICKERSON, LAUREN A.
O'CONNOR, KERRYN
O'DONOGHUE, BEIBHINN M.
SAMSON, CARLEIGH C.
SCHOEN, JESSICA L.(C)
THORNTON, EMILY R.
TUNG, ELIZABETH P.

GIRL'S SWIMMING

			PA	OPP
Jan. 9, 1999	(A)	Choate	93	93
Jan. 16, 1999	(A)	Loomis-Chaffee	114	72
Jan. 20, 1999	(H)	Lincoln Sudbury	no score reported	
Jan. 23, 1999	(A)	N.M.H.	124	63
Jan. 30, 1999	(H)	Deerfield	97	89
Feb. 3, 1999	(H)	Barracoudas/ New Wave	no score reported	
Feb. 10, 1999	(A)	Worcester	71	23
Feb. 20, 1999	(H)	Hopkins	112	74
Feb. 24, 1999	(H)	Exeter	92	94
March 7, 1999	(A)	Interschols @ Deerfield	3rd place	

by Liz Anderson &
Ashleigh Hegedus
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITERS

Andover	114
Loomis	72

On Saturday, the girls' swim team braved another lengthy trip to Connecticut to swim against the Loomis-Chaffee Pelicans. They made it well worth their while, though, defeating Loomis by a score of 114-72. Andover came out strong in the first event with a win by the all-Lower 200 Medley Relay team of Sarah Ferranti '01, Devin Murphy '01, Kerryn O' Connor '01, and Sydney Freas '01. These talented underclassmen beat the Loomis first team by over three seconds, which proves, once again, that Andover will have a powerful program in the upcoming years. O' Connor, swimming in back-to-back events, also took first in the 200 Freestyle. Murphy, also in her second event of the day, finished next, only a half second behind.

Andover also finished one-two in the third event of the day, the 200 meter Individual Medley. Freas finished first with an amazing time in an event not usually in her repertoire, and Meg Blitzer '01, pulled off a strong finish with a time of 2.39.46. In the final event before the diving competition, Captain Jess Schoen, '99, and new varsity swimmer, Emily Thornton '01, added to Andover's already commanding lead, placing second and third in the quick 50 Freestyle race.

Andover entered the diving ahead by 16 points. The swimmers watched in awe as Liz Lasater '01 took the competition by storm. She won the overall diving competition for the first time ever with a compiled score of 168.75 points. This score included one dive on which Liz was awarded an incredible score of 7 out of 10. Casey Hill '00, Andover's second diver, continued to bring in points with a fourth place finish.

As they began the second half of the swimming competition, Andover remained ahead by 16 points. However, Loomis slipped even farther behind as Andover captured the next 4 first place finishes. The team even had several swims in which they were close to achieving Loomis pool records. Schoen swam amazingly in the 100 Butterfly, winning by almost two seconds. Next, Freas blew away the competition in the 100 Freestyle with a time of 1.00.48.

In the next event, the most grueling event of the day, the 500 Freestyle, (that's twenty laps for those not taking math this term) O'Connor and Blitzer took first and second, with Emily Keifer '99 coming in a close fourth. The 200 Freestyle Relay team of Sophie Cowan '01, Murphy, Schoen, and Freas completely annihilated the Loomis girls, winning with a near record-breaking time of 1.55.39.

In the 100 Backsroke, Ferranti and freshman Lauren Nickerson '02 proved they had what it took, finishing second and third. In the 100 Breastroke, Murphy and Jess Heilweil '01 also finished two-three.

The meet ended on a high note with Andover coming in first, second, and fourth in the 400 meter Freestyle Relay. It was especially exciting for the team to win this meet by such a great margin, as many of the girls found themselves in events they don't usually swim.

Coach Paul Murphy justified these changes in his team meeting; not only did he want to let each swimmer get times in different events, but also, he had another motive— strategy. "Exeter will have no idea what we are going to swim at New Englands," he said, grinning mischievously. Oh yeah baby. Look out.

Captain Jess Schoen '99, pictured here, paced Andover's swim team this week.

Photo / D. Kurs

Jess Schoen '99 Leads Girls' Swimming to Strong Third Place Finish at Intershols

by Ashley Foster
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

After losing numerous seniors, the young Girls' Varsity Swim Team came back to the 1999 season ready to go. Coach Paul Murphy, who has coached the girls' team since 1991, led the young squad through an exciting and strong season. Along with the help of Captain Jessica Schoen '99, the team was able to recapture the excitement of the previous, undefeated season.

After only four days on campus following winter break, the girls took to the pool for their first meet away at Choate. There were no expectations for the team at their first challenge against the strong competition in the meter pool, but they proved themselves with a final score of 93-93. In the first event of the 200 Medley Relay Sarah Ferranti '01, Devin Murphy '01, Schoen '99 and Sydney Freas '01 annihilated the Choate girls, winning by over six seconds, and in the end Andover came home with seven first places. It was going to be an exciting season.

Only one week later the Girls took to the pool again at Loomis-Chaffee, only this time they did not have to share a victory. The Blue triumphed with a final score of 114 - 72. The strong Andover relays gave the team the push it needed wining the "all-Lower" 200 Medley Relay, 200 Freestyle Relay, and the 400 Freestyle Relay. Freas and Kerryn O'Connor '01 were able to keep up the trend taking first in the 200 Freestyle, 200 Individual Medley, 100 Freestyle, and 500 Freestyle. The Divers also captured their first win of the season with Liz Lasater '01 having a final score of 168.75.

It was then time for the girls to host their first home meet. They wanted to prove themselves on their own turf. The girls defeated Lincoln-Sudbury High School with a score of 115-71. Andover was able to take victory in all three relays, the 200 Freestyle, 50 Freestyle, 100 Butterfly, 100 Freestyle, 100 Backstroke, and 100 Breaststroke. Things were starting to look better and better for this team. However, their two main competitors were still to come.

Next, the girls took the long ride to NMH, and it proved to be worth their time with a stunning victory of 124-63. The NMH girls were only allowed two wins for the entire meet, but the Andover girls quickly retaliated, taking NMH pool records in the 50 Freestyle by Freas, the 100 Butterfly by Schoen, and the 200 Freestyle relay by Schoen, Meg Blitzer '01, Emily Keifer '99, and Freas.

Andover now had to face the first of the two big competitors, Deerfield. The meet started off a little shaky, but the Big Blue was reassured of its strength when Freas took first in the 50 freestyle and set a new school and pool record. After the diving the girls were trailing behind by twelve points. Although tired, they were able to reach deep down and find the strength to take victory in the 100 Butterfly by Schoen, 100 Freestyle by Freas with a new pool record, 500 Freestyle by O'Connor, and the 200 Freestyle relay with a new pool record. Once again it all came down to the last relay. The "all-Lower" superstar team of Blitzer, Murphy, O'Connor, and Freas was able to stay in front and thus bring in the win for the meet. The girls once again triumphed with an amazing score of 97-89.

Next up the team hosted a Wednesday night meet with the New England Barracudas. The swimmers triumphed easily once again with a final score of 101-69, and took eight wins. The season was mostly over, but the girls were not about to let down. Only one week later they defeated Worcester 71-23. Though it was a smaller pool than they were used to, they adjusted to it easily, proving that they had their strength no matter what the environment. With a week without any competitions the girls were able to get in some serious training time. With the end of the season in sight, the girls needed the depth and strength now, more than ever.

A new and even more forceful power showed through in the very next meet when the squad hosted Hopkins. The Andover girls dominated the pool with the final score of 112-74. Although the meet started off a little shaky the Big Blue came back with a hang in the second half, sweeping the 100 Butterfly with Captain Schoen setting a new school record. They were also able to sweep the 500 Freestyle with the help of Cowan, Murphy, and Blitzer, and the 200 Freestyle relay, which was quickly becoming the team's signature event.

The girls had managed an undefeated season with only one regular meet left. This tied them for the number one spot with Exeter, their final competitor. Despite illness, they were ready to meet their rivals. The tension was high. To get things started Bobby Edwards gave a beautiful performance of the National Anthem. Next was the senior recognition. This was the last time that Schoen, Beibhinn O'Donoghue, Keifer, and Ashleigh Hedgedus would compete in their home pool. In the first individual meet of the day, Sophie Cowan gave an amazing performance in the 200 Freestyle with the time of 1:59.82, only .12 behind Exeter. This was the race that set the mood for the meet. Girls from both teams continued to touch each other out. Being slightly behind after the diving, Schoen let everyone know who was the better of the two, taking first and setting yet another school record in the 100 Butterfly. The 200 Freestyle Relay team of Schoen, Blitzer, Murphy, and Freas came through with a big win, grabbing even more points for the team and tying things up again. Once again it all came down to the last relay. It would take first and third to win the meet, and Exeter only needed second and third to win. An entire season came down to this one race. Unfortunately, Exeter was able to squeeze out both second and third, wining the meet. It was 92-94, the closest score possible. The Girls had finished their regular season with an impressive record of 8-1-1.

The final event in their season was the New England Prep school Championships. The mighty Blue braved snow and ice to travel to Deerfield. Arriving late atnight, the girls only had a few hours until the final meet of their season. All the hard work came down to this. Who really was the best? Everyone had something to prove. The Andover girls gave an impressive performance in the morning, qualifying for finals in almost every event. At the finals that night, the Big Blue placed high in every event they had qualified for. In the end Andover placed a somewhat disappointing third overall out of the over 20 teams. Freas took home the MVP of the meet honors and a 1st place in her 50 Freestyle.

Next year is looking to be a great season. With most of the team returning and some good recruits coming in, it is shaping up to be a group of strong girls who are ready to make next year one of the best we have seen yet. The MVP for the Girls' Varsity team went to Captain Schoen, and the Captain for the 2000 season is Sophie Cowan '01.

Girls' Swimming finished its season with a record of 8-1-1 and a third place finish at New Englands.

SPORT: Track - Boys

YEAR: 1998 - 1999

CAPTAIN: Shevon Rocket
HOME ADDRESS:

MANAGER:
HOME ADDRESS:

COACH: Nancy Lang
ASSISTANT COACHES:

SEASON RECORD

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Track - B Winter

ARENSBERG, W. AUSTIN A.
BROWN, LEWIS, Jr. (c)
DINNEEN, COLIN B.
HAMILTON, W. BARRETT
HSU, ANDREW R.
JUDSON, JONATHAN M.
JUTRAS, THEODORE C.
KEHLENBECK, ALEXANDER P.
KERSKER, MATTHEW M.
LASATER, C. KAMPMANN
LAZARUS, ELI D.
OTTO, NATALIE M. (m)
PREMAN, KYLE I.
RODRIGUEZ, ARGILIO
ROSS-HARRINGTON, JONATHAN
SAUNDERS, BRYAN M.
SCOTT, SEAN A.
THAVASEELAN, SIMON

Letter winners

BOY'S TRACK

			PA	OPP
an. 9, 1999	(A)	Dartmouth	not recorded	
an. 13, 1999	(H)	Tewksbury	50	45
an. 16, 1999	(A)	Yale Invitational	not recorded	
an. 27, 1999	(H)	Lynnfield/ Masco	64	26 Lynnfield 28 Masco
eb. 3, 1999	(H)	Central Catholic High	46	49
eb. 6, 1999	(A)	Wheaton Invitational	not recorded	
eb. 8, 1999	(A)	Andover High School	44	42
eb. 24, 1999	(A)	Exeter	71	33
eb. 27, 1999	(A)	Bowdoin	not recorded	

Track Upstages Gritty Tewksbury

by Dapo Babatunde &
Alan Ginsberg
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover	**51**
Tewksbury	**45**

At 5 a.m. this past Saturday, several members of the boys' track team traveled to Hanover, New Hampshire to compete in the Dartmouth Relays, a competition renowned for attracting top athletes from both the United States and Canada.

Tewksbury

Andy Hsu '99 kicked off the meet for Andover in the one-mile run. His time of 4:52.22 provided him with a good, early season benchmark and also placed him third in his heat and sixth overall in the unseeded section of the event. Fellow distance runner Colin Dinneen '99 continued the team's success, placing first in his 800-meter heat and eighth overall out of a total of 56 runners with a time of 2:01.69.

Representing Andover in the long jump were Kyle Preman '00 and Bryan Saunders '00. Preman's jump of 19' 6" placed him twelfth out of the 31 jumpers, while Saunders soared 18' 8" to gain eighteenth place.

In the 4 x 800-meter relay, the promising young squad of Ted Jutras '01, Austin Arensberg '01, Argilio Rodriguez '00, and Eli Lazarus '00 established a base on which to build for the rest of the season with their time of 9:02.83. Andover had hoped to field more participants, but captain Lewis Brown '99 was unable to run the 55 meter dash due to an injury.

Unfortunately, injuries or illnesses to three members of the 4 x 400 meter relay squad- composed of Alex Kehlenbeck '01, Sean Scott '00, Dave Thompson '01, and Zach Wang '00- also kept that team from competing.

As Kehlenbeck, the team's only healthy member, put it, "We had hoped to be able to run at Dartmouth, but it's more important for us to get healthy so we can have success this season." This statement aptly summarizes the entire team's thoughts, as various people are recovering from nagging injuries and will soon be able to contribute towards achieving the team's goals.

BOYS' TRACK

ANDOVER 51, TEWKSBURY 45

Event	Name	Result	Place
Shot Put	Ross- Harrington	42"1"	2
Long Jump	Preman	19'9.5"	1
	Saunders	18'11"	3
High Jump	Kersker	5'10"	1
	Bhat	5'0"	3
50m	Brown	5.9s	1
	Thavaseelan	5.9s	2
50m Hurdles	Adaime	7.9s	3
300m	Kellenbeck	36.6s	2
	Scott	37.6s	3
600m	Dinenn	1:19.3	1
	Hamilton	1:26.6	3
1000m	Hsu	2:35.4	2
	Jutras	2:38.4	3
Mile	Hsu	4:51.4	2
	Jutras	4:53.4	3
2 Mile	Lazarus	10:47.9	1
	Rodriguez	10:48.1	2
4x400 relay	Andover	3:58.5	2

BOYS' TRACK

DARTOMUTH RELAYS

Event	Name	Result	Place
Long Jump	Preman	19'6"	12
	Saunders	18'8"	18
800m	Dinenn	2:01.69	8
Mile	Hsu	4:52.22	6
4x800 relay	Andover	9:02.83	13

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Boys' Track Falls Just Short of Central Catholic

by Dapo Babatunde & Alan Ginsberg
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITERS

Central	**49**
Andover	**46**

This past Wednesday, the boys' track team competed against a squad from Central Catholic High School. In only its third varsity meet of the season, the team performed well and lost by a miniscule margin. The competition began with the shot put, where Jonathan Ross-Harrington '00 took third with a throw of 41' 10". The next event, the long jump, proved to be a very profitable one for Andover, as Brian Saunders '99 took first with a leap of 20' 10.75" and Kyle Preman '00 placed second with a jump of 19' 5.5". In the other jumping event, the high jump, Drew Baldwin '99 placed third, clearing 5' 4". The meet also featured a pole vault exhibition, where Erik Jungbacker '99 cleared 10' for first, Simon Thavaseelan '99 vaulted 9' to tie for second place, and David Auld '01 topped 7' for third place.

Andover also enjoyed success in the running events, beginning with the mile, where Ted Jutras '01 finished second with a time of 4:50.8, while Andy Hsu '99 came in third in 4:58.3. Kam Lasater '99 then captured second place in the 50-yard hurdles in 7.1 seconds. In the 50-yard dash, Lewis Brown '99 amazed everyone in attendance with a fantastic time of 5.6 seconds, while Thavaseelan placed second in 5.7 seconds. Colin Dinneen '99 placed second in the 600-yard run in a time of 1:20.7. The next event was the day's longest, the two-mile run. Andover won six points in this event, five coming from Argilio Rodriguez' '00 first place finish in 10:37.4 and the other from Hsu's third with a time of 10:50.8. Andover also had success in the 300-yard dash, where Brown and Sean Scott '00 took second and third places with times of 34.4 and 36.5 seconds, respectively. The last individual event of the day was the 1000-yard run, where Jutras' 2:35.9 won second place. In the day's final event, the mile relay, the team of Thavaseelan, Alex Kehlenbeck '01, John Busby '00, and Barret Hamilton '99 nearly lapped the Central team with a time of 3:54.1. The team's next meet, Monday at Andover High, should prove to be another close competition.

Brian Saunders '99, soaring through the air, took first place with a jump of over twenty feet.

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Boys Do Down To Wire in Cross Town Victory

by Hillary Jay
& Esther Rabess
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITERS

Andover	**44**
Andover High	**42**

On Monday the Big Blue boys track went up against a talented Andover High team and came out on top with a score of 44-42. With such high-caliber performances as that of distance runner Colin Dinneen '99 and captain-sprinter Lewis Brown '99, P.A. dominated throughout, although the close score may suggest otherwise.

In the first competition of the day, the shot put, John Ross-Harrington '00 placed well with a throw of 41'11". In the next event, the long jump, Andover had a good showing as Bryan Saunders '99 and Kyle Preman '00 jumped 20'11" and 19'6", respectively, with an added effort from John Busby '00.

The field events were not the only source of victory for P.A., though. Kam Lasater '99 did not disappoint the Andover faithful as he ran an impressive 7.0 in the 50 yard hurdles. Brown sprinted well, too, with a remarkable time of 5.5 seconds in the 50 yard dash. Close behind with a time of 5.7 seconds was Simon Thavaseelan '99, whose impressive showing last week in the pole vault was greatly missed at this Monday's meet. The most impressive run of the day, however, came from the talented Dinneen. Dinneen had an amazing run in the 600 meter dash that impressed and excited all spectators. He improved on his personal best by two full seconds, running a time of 1:17.7. Dinneen has been a great contributor to the P.A. track team since his junior year, but his performance has reached its peak this year. Barrett Hamilton '99 also did well in the 600, placing third with a solid time of 1:22.48. The boys placed well in the 1000 yard dash as well; Ted Jutras '01 grabbed first place with a time of 2:30.22, adding crucial points to P.A.'s tally. Geoff Wiech '01 and Hadi Hussein '00 contributed also made key contributions in this event. Next up was the mile, in which a great runner from Andover High provided an element of suspense as he and Argilio Rodriguez '00 fought it out bitterly, each vying for first place. Rodriguez persevered at a grueling pace as he and the runner from Andover High brought the crowd to their feet in anticipation of a tight finish. Argilio's time of 4:57.56 was enough to clinch second place. Right behind him was lower sensation Ben Phillips '01, clocking in at 5:05.35. Senior distance runner Andy Hsu '99 had a fine showing in the two-mile, taking first with a time of 10:24.8, followed by Eli Lazarus '00, who showed his endurance by coming in a close second at 10:31.06.

By this time P.A. and Andover High were neck-and-neck in scoring. The meet would come down to the wire as the relay was the deciding factor of who would claim victory. Freshman sprinter James Sonne '02 later commented, "You've got to want it to win it, and we wanted it more." It was with this attitude that the relay ran to triumph. First leg Sean Scott '00 gained an early lead, which each of the other three runners increased. These four runners astounded the crowd with their sheer speed and will to win. Anchor leg Dinneen ran swiftly, and finished the relay strong with a significant lead over Andover High. This win displayed yet again the talent and spirit the team possesses. Brown had this to say of the team's performance: "I'm really proud of the track team, we ran with heart and determination, and that's what it takes to win races." With these sentiments the boys are sure of success against their next competitor, arch-rival Exeter.

Argelio Rodriguez '00 placed second in the two mile run behind fellow Andover teammate Eli Lazarus '00.

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ENDS SEASON ON HIGH NOTE

Brown '99 Shatters A/E School Records in 50 yd. Dash

by Hilary Jay and Esther Rabess
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITERS

Andover	**71**
Exeter	**33**

BOYS' TRACK

On Wednesday Boys' track had its final, and arguably most momentous and exciting, meet of the season against Exeter. Coming into the meet with high expectations and a winning attitude, Andover claimed victory over its long time rival by a whopping 71-33 margin.

John Ross-Harrington '00 launched Andover's ascent to victory in the first event of the day, the shot put, in which he snagged a first place spot. Among the many admirable performers of the day was John Judson '02, who, with his solid third place finish, broke the ninth grade record in the shot put. Andover excelled in other areas as well, proving their superiority over the Exies by placing well in both the high jump and long jump. Postgraduate Matt Kersker '99 placed first in the high jump followed by senior Kam Lasater '99.

In the long jump event, Andover grabbed second and third places with respectable jumps from Kyle Preman

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Strong Performances Bring Boys' Track Win

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'00, who came in second, and Bryan Saunders '99, who secured third place. But the most impressive performances of the day were, by far, in the running events. Coach Lang expressed her pleasure with the team's performance: "They did fantastically. I had a feeling we'd win, but certainly not by this much. There were a lot of amazing performances and I'm really proud of how well the team ran." One such amazing performance came from team captain Lewis Brown '99 who stunned the crowd with his record-breaking run in the 50 yard dash. Not only did Brown shatter the Andover/Exeter record, but he broke the longstanding school record as well, with a phenomenal run of 5.3 seconds. Brown also captured first place in the 300, with a time of 34.9 seconds, capping off his stellar solo performances. He was not the only strong sprinter of the day, however. Sensational hurdling from the likes of Lasater, who finished first in the 50 yard. hurdles, with a notable time of 6.6 seconds, and John Busby '00 who finished third with a time of 7.2 seconds, also contributed to Andover's pummeling of Exeter.

The Blue came.out on top in the distance running as well. Eli Lazarus '00 and Colin Dineen '99 both had nice showings in this meaningful meet. Lazarus added many points to Andover's tally with first and second place finishes in the two-mile and mile respectively. Ted Jutras '01 displayed his stunning speed with a first place finish in the mile in a time of 4:45.5. He gave a stunning performance on the day, also placing second in the 1000 meters, right behind track superstar Colin Dinnen '99, who ran a smokin' time of 2:29.2. He also impressed the Andover faithful by running a time of 1:19.4 in the 600, just shy of his personal best. On his tail was Barret Hamilton '99, clinching third place with a time of 1:23.2. In hopes of adding to their already immense lead the boys went in to the relay confident and determined. Simon Thavaseelan '99, Brown, Sean Scott '00, and anchor Dinneen paced the victorious relay team with a half-lap win over Exeter. Enthusiastic fan Katy Dybwad '02 and freshman sprinter James Sonne echoed only this," What do we eat? Red meat. And how do we like it RAW!"

The Boys did just that, finishing the season on a high note with a crushing win over Exeter. Despite the loss of many talented seniors, next year track will look to improve its already impressive record.

With a strong core of underclass runners, including Geoff Wiech '01 and Ben Phillips '01, both boys and girls track are on their way.

Andover/Exeter

Brown '99, Saunders '99, Keys to Track's Success

by Hilary Jay and Esther Rabess
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITERS

The season began auspiciously for the boys Indoor Track Team as a chosen group of athletes traveled to Dartmouth to compete in the Dartmouth Relays. The boys competed against a talented field of runners. Captain Lewis Brown '99 was a true leader for the team, leading in both his words and performances. Brown was voted the MVP of the team by the coaches. He acquired many points for the team in the 50 yd. dash, 300 yd., and the 4x400 relay.

Brown also shattered the Andover-Exeter 50 yd. record previously held by track star Mario Watts, sprinting in a time of 5.3 seconds. In addition he competed at the National Scholastics meet, placing 12th overall, and crossed the finish line in a time of 7.12. Sean Scott '00 sprinted in both the 200m and was a vital member of the 4X400m relay team in Indoor Track. He ran a speedy time of 23.78 in the 200m and added great depth to the relay team.

Colin Dinneen '99 ran the 800m and crossed the finish line in a time of 2:01.69. Dinneen has contributed to the track team since his freshman year, and has come full circle this year performance-wise. He placed 8th overall in the 800m, and first in his individual heat . A 4X800m relay team composed of Ted Jutras '01, Austin Arensberg '01, Argilio Rodriguez '00, and Eli Lazarus '00 also fared well placing 13th in a solid time of 9:02.83.

Dineen emerged as a dominant force on the team in his final year at P.A. He gradually improved throughout the season, and earned valuable points along the way. Dinneen ran a blistering 1:17.7 in the 600m in a meet against Andover High; this time is just seconds off the school record. Dinneen also excelled as the anchor of the 4X400m relay team and in the 1000m throughout the season.

His example of achievement was followed by many younger distance runners. Jutras, performed well in both the 1000 and mile this year. He ran incredible times in the mile, surpassing Darren Dinneen's 10th grade record, running a time of 4:36.8.

Lazarus often doubled in the one-mile and two-mile this year and added crucial points in meets. Ben Phillips '01, coming off a serious injury, also ran solid times this year, and will be a great contributor in years to come.

The field events were crucial to the team's success. Brian Saunders '99 and Kyle Preman'00 were Andover's strongholds in the jumping events. With season best jumps of 20' 10.75" and 19' 6.25" these two athletes constantly nabbed a wealth of points for Andover.

John Ross- Harrington '00 threw the shot put with a combination of finesse and power, which helped him to reach such distances as 44' 8" this year. He is improving steadily and is setting his sights on breaking the school record next year. Freshman phenom, Jonathan Judson broke the ninth grade shot put record, surpass-

With the help of these talented athletes, and many other solid runners, throwers, and jumpers, the team blew away arch-rival Exeter. In the most anticipated meet of the season the Blue managed to dominate a talented Exeter squad, capping off an already successful season with a convincing win.

Andover fared well in both the field, as well as track events, placing first in every single event except for the long jump, where Preman and Saunders were edged out by a talented Exeter jumper. Saunders' and Preman's consistently competitive jumps were key in the success of Andover's field events in the winter season.

Other contributors whose presences were felt at the 71-33 drubbing of Exeter included Matt Kersker '99, Kam Lasater '99, and Erik Jungbaker '00 who each jumped his way to victory placing in the high jump and pole vault, respectively. Kersker and Lasater, who placed first and second in the high jump, were vital to Andover's success in this event. As seniors, their presence on the team, as both constant point winners and team players as well, will be greatly missed in the years to come.

Besides its victories in the jumping events, Andover also did well in the shot put as well, where two of the team's more dominant throwers turned out some of their best performances of the year. Ross-Harrington threw his personal best of 44' 8" to capture first place accolades against arch rival Exeter, while newcomer Judson not only threw his personal best, but also broke the freshman record with a throw of 41' 11.5".

With strong performances from start to finish, the Andover boys winter track team fared well against considerable competition. Despite the loss of many seniors, such as record holders Saunders and Brown, with such talented returners as freshman record holder Judson, hurdler John Busby '00 and skilled long distance runners Lazarus and Phillips next year's track team is shaping up to be as, if not more, successful than this year's squad.

SPORT: Track - Girls

YEAR: 1998 - 1999

CAPTAIN: Shevon Rockett
HOME ADDRESS:

MANAGER:
HOME ADDRESS:

COACH: Nancy Lang
ASSISTANT COACHES:

SEASON RECORD

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Track - G Winter

ABBOTT, ANNE S.
BARRY, KEZIBAN S.
BURT, LINDSAY C.
CURRY, REED A.
DONAIS, MELISSA A.
EAKIN, TENLEY E.
GREENE, LUCY K.
ISOH, CYNTHIA N.
JAY, HILARY D.
JONES, SHAINA L.
McJUNKIN, JENNIFER C.
MITCHELL, JASMINE M.
O'HERN, JULIA E.
ROCKETT, SHEVON D. (c)
YEE, CYNTHIA A.

Letter winners

GIRL'S TRACK

			PA	OPP
Jan. 9, 1999	(A)	Dartmouth	no score reported	
Jan 13, 1999	(H)	Tewksbury	64	31
Jan 16, 1999	(A)	Yale Invitational	no score reported	
Jan 27, 1999	(H)	Lynnfield/ Masco	79	10 Lynn 30 Masco
Feb. 3, 1999	(H)	Central Catholic High	69	26
Feb. 6, 1999	(A)	Wheaton Invitational	no score reported	
Feb. 8, 1999	(A)	Andover High School	44	42
Feb. 24, 1999	(A)	Exeter	49	55
Feb. 27, 1999	(A)	Bowdoin	no score reported	
March 5, 1999	(A)	Eastern States Meets	no score reported	

Girls' Track Routs Locals

by Argilio Rodriguez
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover	79
Masconomet	20
Lynnfield	10

The girls' winter track meet this past Wednesday can be summed up in just one word: domination. A crop of young talent helped Andover propel itself to the next level, scoring 79 points to Masconomet's 20 and Lynnfield's 10. This meet will surely set up the mood as Andover hopes to win meets against such powerhouses as Central Catholic and Exeter later in the season.

Andover placed first and second in the mile with two great young runners showing their skills. Melissa Donais '02 kicked off the meet with the win in 5:47.3. Taking charge early in the race, she put a gap on the rest of the field and just ran away from everyone. Hillary Jay '02 provided great suspense when she overtook Masconomet's top two runners in a thrilling last lap with a ferocious kick. Shevon Rockett '99 won the 50 yd. Hurdles in 8.2 seconds followed by Cynthia Isoh '00 clinching third place. Jenny McJunkin '00 continued to crush her competition in the jumping events by winning the high jump with a 4'10" finish. Tenley Eakin '02 has been a pleasant surprise this season as she tied for second at 4'8", along with Lauren Fritsch '99. Shevon Rockett and Cynthia Yee '01 continued the day's theme of domination by blowing away their competition in the 50 yd. Dash. Lindsey Burt '99 took an early lead in the 600 yard dash and continued to put distance on the rest of the field throughout the race. In fact, by her third lap, her lead had surpassed 30 yards and with a quick glance to her rear, she noticed that no one was in sight! Another new face on the track scene is Reed Curry '01 who placed second in the 600 yard dash and who you will be seeing much of in the future. Shaina Jones '99 placed third in the shot put with a personal best at 30'3". Anne Abbott '00 was defeated in the two mile by a charging runner from Masconomet. Believing that her victory had been sealed she eased off without realizing the shadow creeping up on her left shoulder. Although the defeat was crushing, she was pleased to record a personal best of 13:03.5. McJunkin, Isoh, and Yee nearly swept the long jump as they took the top three places. In the 300 yard dash Tenley Eakin '02 had a strong performance as she cruised to her first win at the event in 42.2. She took command in the first lap and used an extra boost to devastate her competition, leaving them about ten yards behind. Lucy Greene '00 ran well, placing second with a personal best for the season of 43.2 seconds. Jay and Curry returned later in the meet to run the 1000 yard. They gradually pulled away from everyone in the last half and won the race by a landslide. Even though both these runners were exhausted from running a previous race, they threw all that was left in them into this last competition. The day ended with the mile relay. To say that the girls had merely won this event would be an understatement. By the time the baton was handed to Lucy Greene, the competition was half a lap behind and struggling to keep the pace. The great depth of this team shined in this final event as each runner ran consistent splits and fast times.

The depth and strength exhibited at this meet is evidence of the talent and hard work of the girls' track team. With only three weeks to go before the teams' contest with Exeter, the girls seem sharp and strong. The beginning of an Andover track and field dynasty is in the midst.

1/27/99

Track Runs All Over Andover

by Argilio Rodriguez
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover	**44**
Andover High	**42**

The girls' track team traveled to Andover High School last Monday in what turned out to be the most thrilling meet this season. The girls ran extremely well and took the competition all the way to the final event, the 4x440 relay.

Tenley Eakin '02 won the 50 yard dash in 6.7 seconds with Cindy Yee '01 coming in at third. Eakin has displayed great versatility in the track events ranging from the 50 yd. dash to the mile relay, as well as participating in the high jump. Yee has come up from relative obscurity to run some very fast times and place herself among our school's top track athletes.

The following event, the 50 yard hurdles, was won by another of Phillips Academy's finest track athletes, Shevon Rockett. Rockett continues to dominate all comers in this short, but strenuous, event. She has provided the team with consistent performances, not to mention alot of points.

Although considered by most to be the most unexciting race in high school track, Hillary Jay '02 and Jasmine Mitchell '99 have proven otherwise. Jay placed second and attempted an impressive rally to catch the front runner. While Mitchell's vast reserves of experience allowed her to run a consistent pace and finish in third.

In the 300 yard dash, Cynthia Isoh '00 placed third in 43.2. Isoh is one of the teams up and coming stars. Her times have shown steady improvement and she will no doubt be a contributing member to the team in the future.

The 600 yard dash was won by Lindsey Burt '99 in a fast 1:33.1 followed by Lucy Greene '00 in third. Phillips Academy has never had a pair of such dominating runners in this event. These two have clinched valuable points for the team in their consistent efforts. As a result of her fast and consistent times, Burt was named Girls Track Athlete of the Week by Coach Lang.

Reed Curry '01 placed second in the 1000 yard run in 3:03.6 while almost catching Andover High's number one runner. It was a thrilling sprint to the finish as both runners pumped hard and matched stride for stride. Although beaten, Curry recorded a great time and continues to make great improvement. In her first term of track at P.A. she has become a successful member of the team.

In the mile, Melissa Donais '02 although only a freshman has become one of the most dominant milers in P.A.'s history. She is undefeated at the distance and last Monday she ran a 5:44.8. Last Monday, against some of the stiffest competition she has faced this year, Donais triumphed. She fought off a brief challenge from one of the Andover High runners and wounded p winning easily.

The field events were severely lacking at Andover High School. Cynthia Isoh '00 put it well when she said "This school is so cheap, that they can't even afford a long jump pit." In addition to not having a long jump pit, the school did not have a set up for the pole vault. Although P.A. jumpers were upset about this misfortune, they expressed their anger by winning. In the Shot Put, Shaina Jones '99 and Julia O'Hearn '01 nearly swept the event by placing first and second. They crushed their meager competition by winning by more than a foot. The High Jump experienced a three way tie between two Andover High jumpers and P.A.'s Jenny "I hate it when they call me McJumpin" McJunkin. Although not her best jump of the year, she managed to clear 4'10".

Adrenaline was pumping within P.A.'s mile relay team as they were down 39 to 42 near the end of the meet. The team was composed of Burt, Eakin, Curry, and Greene. The squad ran away from the competition in a time of 4:28.8 to seal the victory for the girl's track team in a final score of P.A. 44 to Andover High's 42.

In two weeks, the girls face Exeter on their turf in what will be a very close meet. Exeter has two star distance runners along with quality jumpers and sprinters. But as these tough times lay ahead for this team, they can only hope to do their best and train hard in the weeks ahead.

2/8/99

SPORT: Wrestling

YEAR: 1998 - 1999

CAPTAIN: Jeremy Hersch & Noah Kaye
HOME ADDRESS:

MANAGER: Pamela Henderson
HOME ADDRESS:

COACH: Rich Gorham
ASSISTANT COACHES: Mark Efinger & Bing Sung

Wrestling

AISENBERG, JOSHUA B.
BOILEAU, HARRY S.
BRANCACCIO,WILLIAM R.,Jr
BROWN, MONTAGUE D.
CHRISTOPHER, KWESI A.
GOSSARD, ANDREW D.
HENDERSON, PAMELA K.(m)
HERSCH, JEREMY L.(cc)
JONAS, ADAM C.
KAGAN, ELI S.
KAYE, NOAH (cc)
KIBLER, BRIAN M.
KISH, MATTHEW J.
MacMILLAN, DAVID A.
MURPHY, SEAN B.
MYERS, JOHN O., Jr.
PYTKA, JUSTIN S.
REIST, J. TYSON
SHVARTSMAN, DANIEL A.
STEPTOE, LeCHRISTIAN
SUNG, MAX W.

Letter Winners

SEASON RECORD

WON 17 LOST 1 TIED

1st @ Class A

2nd @ New Englands

32 @ Nationals

WRESTLING

			PA	OPP
Dec. 5, 1998	(H)	Govenor Dummer Academy	57	22
Jan. 9, 1999	(A)	Choate	55	12
Jan 13, 1999	(A)	Wilbraham Monson Academy	37	25
Jan. 16, 1999	(A)	Tilton	69	10
Jan. 16, 1999	(A)	Providence Country DAy	78	0
Jan. 16, 1999	(A)	Deerfield	48	21
Jan 20, 1999	(H)	Worcester	71	3
Jan. 23, 1999	(H)	Loomis	58	14
Jan. 23, 1999	(H)	New Hampton	48	30
Jan 23, 1999	(H)	Belmont Hill	66	9
Jan. 27, 1999	(H)	N. Andover High School	27	40
Jan. 29, 1999	(H)	Northfield-Mount Hermon	45	19
Feb. 3, 1999	(A)	Tabor	56	16
FEb. 6, 1999	(A)	Moses Brown	65	12
Feb. 6, 1999	(A)	Milton	38	28
Feb. 6, 1999	(A)	New Hampton	42	36
Feb. 10, 1999	(A)	Brooks	40	24
Feb. 17, 1999	(H)	Exeter	46	19
Feb. 20, 1999	(A)	Class A Tournament	1st place w/ 195 pts.	

SQUAD STATISTICS

NAME & HOME ADDRESS	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	CLASS	POSITION
~~Joshua Arsenberg~~				
oshua Arsenberg 300 Blue Spruce Road ston, VA 22091		215	'00	
ilman Barndollar 0 Middle Street rtsmouth, NH 03801		152	'00	
arry Boileau 09 Duce Street owell, MA 01852		112	'02	
illiam Brancaccio 4 Harvest Lane outhampton, NY 11968		275	'00	
otte Brown 34 Cambridge Turnpike oncord, MA 01742		189	'99	
wesi Christopher /o Vera Lopez 704 Fenimore St., 2nd Floor Brooklyn, NY 11203		125	'99	
Andrew Gossard 80 Holt Road Andover, MA 01810		171	'00	
Jeremy Hersch 31 East 17am Street Apt 7W New York, NY 10021		140	'99	
dam Jonas 171 Person Road Francestown, NH 03043		130	'00	
Eli Kagan 1 Terrace Place Troy, NY 12180		275	'99	
Joah Kaye 626 Southwest Morningside Rd. Topeka, KS 66606		160	'99	
Brian Kibler 5 Tsienneto Rd #44 Derry, NH 03038		171	'99	
Mathew Kish 8 Starr Avenue West Andover, MA 01810		125	'99	

SQUAD STATISTICS

NAME & HOME ADDRESS	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	CLASS	POSITION
David MacMillian 10 Adirondack Drive East Greenwich, RI 02818		275	'99	
Sean Murphy 15 Belknap Drive Andover, MA 01810		119	'00	
John Myers 11442 Peninsula Shores Dr. Cornelius, NC 28031		152	'99	
Justin Pytka 1 Langley Lane Andover, MA 01810		135	'00	
Tyson Reist 332 East 30th Street New York, NY 10016		152	'01	
Ashish Shetty 108 Rosemont Drive North Andover, MA 01845		189	'00	
Daniel Shtarts man 4 Foster Road Burlington, MA 01803		103	'02	
& Christian Steptoe 3472 Spring Circle Decatur, GA 30032		135	'00	
Max Sung 174 Argill Road Andover, MA 01810		145	'99	

DATE OF CONTEST: 12-5-98

OPPONENT: Govenor Dummer Academy

WHERE PLAYED: Andover

RESULTS:

	Andover	57-22	GDA
103	——	– WFor	Harris, A
112	Shvartsman, D	WFor –	——
119	Boileau, H	WFor –	——
125	Murphy, S	WBF 1:47	Mitchell, B
130	Kishi, M	8 - 6	Shedosky, J
135	Jonas, A	WBF 4:55	Efinger, N
140	Pytka, J	WBF 2:24	Stewart, R
145	Sung, M	WFor –	——
152	Hersch, J	WFor –	——
160	Myers, J	WFor –	——
171	Gossard, A	2-12	Thomas, G
189	Shetty, A	3:06 WBF	Moore, M
215	Dempsey, J	1:23 WBF	Bae, M
275	Kagan, E	WBF 1:02	Faranberg, D

Wrestling Excels

by Gilman Barndollar
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover	55
Choate	12

Andover	37
WM&A	25

Following last year's fourth place finish in the highly competitive sixty-four team New England Championship, Andover was anticipating a breakthrough season. Ten of fourteen starters returned, including New England Champions and co-captains Noah Kaye '99 and Jeremy Hersch '99. Several newcomers with potential were also expected to be on the team, including freshmen Harry Boileau and Dan Schvartsman. With the first three matches of the season under their belts, the Blue has every reason to look forward to their league championship, the Class A Tournament, and the New England Tournament in March.

Choate

Just barely returned from vacation, the Andover wrestling team was soon on a bus down to Connecticut for their first league match of the season, a Saturday battle with Choate. Choate was expected to be solid competition, and the Blue knew it couldn't get overconfident. The first two matches were both forfeits, but 103 pound wrestler Dan Schvartsman '02 pinned his opponent with surprising ease in an exhibition match. Sean Murphy '00 continued Andoverís domination with a 16-1 technical fall win, and Kish and Adam Jonas '00 both won decisions. Jonas' 4-2 victory was probably the day's most impressive, as it came against the wrestler ranked number one in his weight class in Class A's. Justin Pytka, wrestling at 135, won another tough match, staying close to his opponent for six minutes and then shooting a great shot to win the match in overtime. The Blue pinned in three of the next four matches, including Max Sung's '99 swift pin of a good opponent in the first period. Co-captain Noah Kaye completely dominated his opponent, taking a 15-0 technical fall in under four minutes.

The Blue lost its only match of the day when varsity newcomer Brian Kibler '99 landed on his head and was pinned in the second period. Kibler injured his neck and was taken to the hospital, but it was luckily just a sprain. First year wrestler Billy Brancaccio '00 regained the momentum for Andover with a powerful pin in barely a minute. Kagan again rounded out the match with a 5-1 victory.

Andover had been expecting a tougher match from Choate, traditionally one of the stronger Class A teams, but it was nonetheless a good way to begin league competition. With Class A powerhouse Wilbraham & Munson just four days away, however, it was important for the Blue to avoid overconfidence after two easy wins.

Wilbraham & Munson

With only a week's practice under their belts, Andover headed down to Wilbraham, Massachusetts for a match with Wilbraham & Munson, always one of the league's best teams. With the Class A rankings standing at NMH first, Wilbraham second, and Andover third, it was time for the Blue to establish themselves as one of the league's elite. Revenge for last year's home loss was also on the mind of many veteran wrestlers. Facing their toughest opponent thus far, the Blue rose to the challenge and showed any observers that they are a legitimate contender for the Class A and New England Championships.

Dan Schvartsman '02 took to the mat for his first varsity match of the season and easily pinned his opponent in under three minutes, giving Andover an early lead they would never relinquish. Harry Boileau, itching for a match, took his third forfeit of the season to hand Andover another six points. Sean Murphy increased the Blue's lead with a hard fought 10-6 win over a more skilled and experienced wrestler, W&MA's Greg Lemarche, 1997's second place finisher in Class A's. But with a fifteen point lead, Andover began to slip, as Wilbraham won tough matches at 125, 130, and 135 pounds. Justin Pytka's match at 135 was particularly heartbreaking, as he had two apparent takedowns in the first period ruled out of bounds. Pytka escaped from bottom in the second period for a 1-0 lead, but trying to hold on in the third, was reversed and held down for a 2-1 loss.

Co-captain Hersch recaptured momentum for Andover, as he relentlessly attacked and pinned his opponent. John Myers '99 increased the lead with a lightning-quick first period pin. Noah Kaye wrestled in what was probably the seasonís best match thus far, taking a 6-3 decision over a talented post-graduate. Kaye attacked aggressively on his feet and showed particular skill in eluding his opponentís crossfaces. Wrestling up a weight class, Andy Gossard '00 took to the mat at 171 attempting to put the match out of reach for the hosts. He did just that, stringing moves together brilliantly in an 18-4 win, narrowly missing a victory by technical fall. Wilbraham came back toward the end, recording pins at 189 and 215, but Kagan again ended the meet on a high note, taking his opponent down with five seconds left for the margin of victory in a 5-3 win.

Though the season has just begun, Phillips Academy has already established itself as a school to be respected in New England, and the clear win over a strong Wilbraham & Munson team showed the Blue to be legitimate contenders for the Class A title. Coach Gorham put it best, "We passed our first real test, and I am proud of the effort, however, I warned my team that we have ways to go before being champions." Saturday's away match with Deerfield, Tilton, PCD, Hyde and will be another test of Andover's talent and consistency.

1/9/99
1/13/99

DATE OF CONTEST: 1-9-99

OPPONENT: Choate

WHERE PLAYED: Choate

RESULTS:

	Andover	55 - 12	Choate
103	——	– WFOR	B. Kovach
112	H. Boileau	WFOR —	——
119	S. Murphy	WTF 16-1	D. Lobsenz
125	M. Kish	7 - 2	A. Axtmayer
130	A. Jonas	4 - 2	C. Briffel
135	J. Pytka	8 - 6	B. Cullinane
140	L. Steptoe	WBF 3:47	B. Clair
145	J. Hersch	8 - 2	W. Eiten
152	M. Sung	WBF 1:47	C. Tom
160	A. Gossard	WBF 4:41	J. Hayden
171	N. Kaye	WTF 15-0	M. Harris
189	B. Kibler	2:22 WBF	T. Capitoni
215	B. Brancaccio	WBF 1:14	M. Perna
275	E. Kagan	5 - 1	I. McLaughlin

DATE OF CONTEST: 1-13-99

OPPONENT: Wilbraham & Monson Academy

WHERE PLAYED: Wilbraham

RESULTS:

	Andover	37 - 25	Wilbraham
			Classen
103	Shartsman, D	WBF - 2:51	
112	Boileau, H	WFOR	
119	Murphy, S	10 - 6	Lamarche
125	Kish, M	0 - 10	Root, S.
130	Jonas, A.	4 - 8	Root, M.
135	Pytka, J	1 - 2	Stoplinski
140	Hersch, J	WBF - 2:30	Clark
145	Sung, M	4 - 8	Aliyu, S
152	Myers, J	WBF - 1:17	Perez
160	Kaye, N	6 - 3	Lussier
171	Gossard, A	18 - 4	Johnson
189	Brown, M	:44 WBF	Wilson
215	Brancaccio, B	5:09 WBF	Bristol
275	Kagan, E	5 - 3	Duffy

by Gilman Barndollar

Jeremy Hersch '99

With a 16-0 Record He Has Led the Wrestling Team to its First Class-A Championship in 28 years

by Alan Ginsberg
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

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As co-captain of the varsity wrestling team, a two-time winner of the Class A tournament, and the defending New England Champion, Jeremy Hersch is one of the most accomplished athletes of the winter term at Phillips Academy.

Jeremy has lived his entire life in New York City. From kindergarten through the ninth grade, he attended the Buckley School, an all boys school where Jeremy played football, baseball, and basketball. Unfortunately, Jeremy suffered a knee injury that left him unable to perform the necessary jumps for basketball. He always liked wrestling, so he decided to try it in the sixth grade to replace basketball. Very quickly, he discovered he had a natural talent for wrestling, which he used to place second in Junior New Englands during both his eighth and ninth grade years.

After his ninth grade year at the Buckley School, Jeremy decided to board in high school. He considered Hotchkiss, St. Paul's, and Groton Academy before matriculating at Phillips Academy.

Jeremy made varsity wrestling right away at PA, competing in the one hundred thirty-five pound weight class his lower year. Throughout the season, he compiled an impressive record of twenty wins against only four losses. At the end of the season, he competed in the Class A tournament, placing second, and he placed fifth in the New England tournament.

The next year, Jeremy, again wrestling in the one hundred thirty-five pound weight class, improved on the success he had earned during his lower year, winning twenty-four matches while losing only once. After the regular season, Jeremy won both the Class A Tournament and the New England Tournament. During the New England finals, Jeremy built up an 8-0 lead over his opponent before tearing a muscle in his back. Despite having his movement drastically limited by his back injury, Jeremy was able to hold on for an 8-7 victory.

This year, Jeremy's senior season, has been a momentous one from the beginning. As he puts it, "It's been a dream season. I really couldn't have hoped for anything more. It's been a great send-off from the younger kids starting a tradition."

As co-captain, Jeremy has led the squad to a win over Exeter, the number one ranking in New England, and a Class A championship, the team's first in twenty-eight years. "Beating Exeter was huge, especially considering the losing streak and losing to them in football," gushes Jeremy, but he calls the Class A tournament his most proud moment.

Individually, Jeremy has not lost in sixteen matches, thirteen at one hundred forty pounds and three while "wrestling up" at one hundred forty-five pounds to help the team replace wrestlers lost to injury or illness. Last weekend, he successfully defended his Class A championship. This weekend, the team will travel to Lehigh University in Pennsylvania to compete in the Prep Nationals. Following that, the team will return to school for a week before traveling to Providence, Rhode Island for the New England tournament, which will be held next weekend at Providence Country Day.

As co-captain Noah Kaye '99 puts it, "Jeremy's style of wrestling is as dominating as anyone's I've seen in the league. He just goes after kids with his serious athletic ability. He's a classy wrestler who's a credit to the school and the program." Jeremy, however, has equally high praise for Kaye: "Noah's been a great co-captain and an amazing asset to me as an individual and to the team in boosting us to win the championship." Jeremy credits Noah, along with the coaches and hard work by the entire team, for the team's success this year. Clearly, with Jeremy and Noah as co-captains, the wrestling team is in very good hands.

Outside of wrestling season, Jeremy has been a cornerback on the varsity football team since coming to Phillips Academy. He also has played junior varsity tennis the past two years, mainly as an opportunity to rest and rehabilitate his back, which still occasionally gives him problems.

In addition to his athletic prowess, Jeremy is very involved in music and especially singing. He is a member of the Gospel Choir, the Cantata Choir, Chorus, and "In Skip," an a capella group on campus. He describes singing as "a great outlet for energy and enjoyment" and something that is "actually pretty athletic" in that it involves intense concentration and endurance. Jeremy also used to play the piano, has performed in many musicals, and is a member of the cast of the current Theater 52 production, "We Bombed in New Haven".

Academically, Jeremy is also very strong. He is a peer tutor, enjoys math and physics, and has earned the distinction "cum laude" for his performance in the classroom. This fall, Jeremy applied early to Princeton, was accepted, and decided to enroll there. He hopes to wrestle at Princeton, if his back remains healthy, but whatever he does, he will undoubtedly continue the pattern of success he has established during recent years.

DATE OF CONTEST: 1-16-99

OPPONENT: Tilton

WHERE PLAYED: Deerfield

RESULTS:

	Andover	69-10	Tilton
103	D. Shwartsman	WFor	———
112	H. Boileau	WFor	———
119	K. Christopher	WFor	———
125	M. Kish	WBF 3:20	G. Goldsmith
130	A. Jonas	WBF :59	D. Spiering
135	J. Pytka	3-14	W. Voigt
140	J. Hersch	WFor	———
145	M. Sung	WBF 1:17.	H. Thorton
152	J. Myers	WBF 2:46	M. Alford
160	N. Kaye	WBF 2:53	D. Perinchief
171	A. Grossard	WBF 1:59	P. McKerley
189	M. Brown	2:22 WBF	G. Heinzer
215	E. Kagan	16-8	C. Snell
HVY	W. Brancaccio	WTF 18-2	N. Hausfeld

by Gilman Barndollar

DATE OF CONTEST: 1-16-99

OPPONENT: Providence Country Day

WHERE PLAYED: Deerfield

RESULTS:

	Andover	78-0	PCD
103	D. Shvarstman	WBF 1:36	B. Clarkson
112	H. Baileau	WFor	———
119	S. Murphy	WFor	———
125	K. Christopher	WBF 3:27	A. Svieictfen
130	A. Jonas	WFor	———
135	J. Pytka	WFor	———
140	J. Hersch	4-0	R. Hudson
145	M. Sung	WBF 4:15	M. Hollman
152	J. Myers	7-6	C Martin
160	W. Kaye	WBF 3:19	M. Camara
171	A. Gossard	WFor	———
189	M. Brown	WFor	———
215	E. Kagan	WFor	———
HVY	W. Brancaccio	WFor	———

by Gilman Barndollar

DATE OF CONTEST: 1-16-99

OPPONENT: Deerfield

WHERE PLAYED: Deerfield

RESULTS:

	Andover	48-21	Deerfield
103	D. Swartsman	WFov	
112	H. Boileau	WTF 18-3	H. Lee
119	S. Murphy	1:34 WBF	D. Perry
125	K. Christopher	4-2 OT	A. Jean
130	A. Jonas	10-2	C. Brown
135	J. Pytka	WBF 2:27	B. Busey
140	L. Steptoe	1:59 WBF	R. Yamaguchi
145	M. Sung	14-8	M. Konowicz
152	J. Myers	1:18 WBF	T. Jolis
160	N. Kaye	WBF 2:29	E. Barnes
171	A. Gossard	3-9	B O'Donnell
189	A. Shetty	8-6	S. Gibbs-Phillip
215	E. Kagan	WBF 1:20	Reynolds
HVY	W. Brancaccio	WBF :56	J. Kelly

by Gilman Barndollar

DATE OF CONTEST: 1-20-99

OPPONENT: Worcester

WHERE PLAYED: Andover

RESULTS:

	Andover	71-3	Worcester
103	D. Shvartsman	WFor	
112	H. Boileau	WTF 4:48	B. Ahalt
119	K. Christopher	WBF 1:14	G. Koveos
125	S. Murphy	WBF 1:11	L. Yanka
130		No Compete	
135	A. Jonas	4:43 DSQ	M. Ungerer
140	L. Steptoe	WBF 1:35	S. Kitazawa
145	M. Sung	WBF 1:20	H. Shiozaki
152	J. Myers	WBF 1:49	T. Ito
160	W. Kaye	WFor	
171	A. Grossard	3-7	S. Early
189	B. Kibler	WBF 2:50	C. Madeiros
215	E. Kagan	WFor	
HVY	W. Brancaccio	WFor	

Scarlet Knights Pin Wrestling

by Gilman Barndollar
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

North Andover	40	1/27/99
Andover	27	
Andover	58	1/23/99
Loomis	14	
Andover	66	1/23/99
Belmont Hill	9	
Andover	48	1/23/99
New Hampton	30	

New Hampton

After demolishing Loomis, the Blue took on a New Hampton squad that was considerably better than the team it demolished last year. With four post-graduates on their roster, New Hampton was expected to be relatively good, but Andover coach Rich Gorham wasn't impressed by the win. As he put it, "We wrestled flat." Four forfeits and an amazing twenty-seven second pin by Harry Boileau put Andover up 35-0, but once the real matches began, New Hampton's wrestlers showed surprising skill and speed. Steptoe kept the Blue going with an 11-6 win, but New Hampton collected a forfeit and then pinned four of their next six opponents. Max Sung '99 did pick up a pin for Andover, and Noah Kaye's match was another bright spot for the Blue, as he took a 7-1 win from one of New Hampton's PG's.

Loomis

Andover entered its first match of the day fully aware that Loomis Chaffee would be a strong competitor, but equally confident in its own abilities. Led by dominant wrestling from the lightweights, the Blue seized an early lead in a match marked by pins from over half of its lineup, and got the quad meet off to a good start.

Freshman phenom Dan Shvartsman started the contest with a 103-pound match against Loomis Dwight Kozmin, the wrestler ranked directly second to him in Class A's. Though known for his speed on his feet, a surprised Shvartsman was taken down twice in the first period, and though he fought valiantly for four more minutes, the buzzer left him with a narrow 5-6 loss. Harry Boilean '02 and Sean Murphy '00 brought Andover back, both recording first period pins. A forfeit and falls by Kwesi Christopher '99 and Adam Jonas '00 increased the Blue's lead to twenty-seven points.

Loomis rallied to win a frenetic 140 pound match, as LeChristian Steptoe '00 kept after his opponent, continually rerolling him, but came up on the short end of a 13-15 decision. John Myers '99 also showed remarkable strength in defeat, as he was taken down nine times by his opponent, but didn't yield a pin. Captain Noah Kaye '99 followed Myers' match with a second period pin, and the Blue cleaned up the heavier weight classes, with Eli Kagan '99 taking an 11-2 major decision at 215 and Billy Brancaccio '00 sticking his opponent in the third period for six.

Belmont Hill

In the last match of the day, Andover took on traditional ISL powerhouse Belmont Hill, who had entered the day with an unbeaten record. Many Andover wrestlers still remembered 1997's humiliating 63-9 away loss, and were eager to return the favor. Andover did just that, dominating a young Belmont team going through a rebuilding year.

Shvartsman got the Blue a good start with five points, completely dominating his opponent in a 17-1 win by technical fall. Boileau tacked on a pin in a stunning forty-seven seconds, and Kwesi Christopher increased the lead with a 15-7 decision at 119 pounds. Sean Murphy, always agressive from neutral, took the team's second pin of the day. Belmont tried to gain some momentum with a pin at 130 pounds, but Adam Jonas kept Andover's lead high. Jonas led the entire way and then put his opponent on his back in the last minute of his match to give the team another six points. LeChristian Steptoe, as elusive as ever, kept moving on bottom and outlasted his opponent in a 13-6 win.

Andover put the match away after that, as Sung Myers, Kaye, and Gossard recorded four straight falls for the Blue, two coming in the first period. Monte Brown '99 wrestled hard and initially led, but his opponent edged him out in the last period for a one point victory. Kagan took a forfeit at 215, and Brancaccio finished up the rout with his third pin of the day.

Saturday provided some tough wrestlers and an enhanced New Hampton team, but few Andover wrestlers were satisfied. All were aware that perhaps the two toughest matches of the season lay less than a week away.

North Andover

With Phillips Academy finally developing a reputation as one of the best teams in Class A's, the time finally seemed ripe for an upset win by the Blue in a fierce rivalry that the Scarlet Knights of North Andover have never lost. North Andover entered with a 14-0 record and a ranking of second in the state, however, PA is having its best season in years. But with five starters, including undefeated captain Jeremy Hersch '99, out with injury or sickness, Andover lost a valiant battle against a physical and talented team.

Dan Shvartsman, always dependable, got things off on the right foot with a 9-2 win. North Andover responded immediately though, as their 112 pound wrestler drove PA's Harry Boileau around the mat and nearly pinned him when the match was stopped because Boileau was choking. Harry sucked it up, and put up a strong fight the rest of the way. Sean Murphy then took the mat for what was the day's best display of skilled and hard-nosed wrestling. His bruising opponent yielded no points in the first period, but Murphy drove into him on bottom, and Knights won the next four to pad the lead. Steptoe was, as always, relentless on bottom, but he lost 1-12, and Max Sung, hampered by a bout of the flu, succumbed to his opponent as well. Gilman Barndollar '00, filling in for the injured John Myers '99, was ineffective from neutral, and despite some fight on bottom, fell into a pin with a mere two seconds left in the match. Captain Noah Kaye tried to bring the Blue back, pinning his opponent in the second, but North Andover took a 1-16 tech fall and a pin in the next two matches to put the contest out of reach. Though wrestling only for pride, Andover's heavyweights were solid, as they have been all season. First-year wrestler Bill Brancaccio, one of the team's best surprises of the season, took his fourth pin in as many matches, and Kagan made the final a little narrower with a pin of his own.

The North Andover match was disappointing, especially to the team's veterans, who have seen these matches too many times before. Nonetheless, the most important thing is tonight's bout with Class A Champion NMH, the team Andover must displace to take the league title. An enthusiastic home crowd is always a huge advantage, and anyone looking for a night of outstanding athletics should run to Borden for the 6:30 match that may be the turning point in what has been, thus

Sean Murphy '99, pictured here, won all four of his matches this week, including two by pin. Photo / D. Kurs

Andover vs. Loomis

Class	Wrstlr	Result
103	Shvartsmn	L- 6-5
112	Boileau	W- Pin
119	Murphy	W- Pin
125	Christophr	W- Pin
130	Kish	W- Forfeit
135	Jonas	W- Pin
140	Steptoe	L- 15-13
145	Sung	W- Pin
152	Myers	L- 19-6
160	Kaye	W- Pin
171	Gossard	W- Pin
189	Kibler	L- 14-6
215	Kagan	W- 11-2
275	Brancacio	W- Pin

Andover vs. New Hampton

Class	Wrstlr	Result
103	Shvartsmn	W- Forfeit
112	Boileau	W- Pin
119	Murphy	W- Forfeit
125	Christophr	W- Forfeit
130	Jonas	W- Forfeit
135	Steptoe	W- 11-6
140	--	--
145	Sung	W- Pin
152	Myers	L- Pin
160	Kaye	W- 7-1
171	Gossard	L- Pin
189	Brown	L- Pin
215	Kagan	L- Pin
275	Brancacio	W- Pin

Andover vs. Belmont Hill

Class	Wrstlr	Result
103	Shvartsmn	W- 17-1
112	Boileau	W- Pin
119	Christophr	W- 15-7
125	Murphy	W- Pin
130	Kish	L- Pin
135	Jonas	W- Pin
140	Steptoe	W- 13-6
145	Sung	W- Pin
152	Myers	W- Pin
160	Kaye	W- Pin
171	Gossard	W- Pin
189	Brown	L- 6-5
215	Kagan	W- Forfeit
275	Brancacio	W- Pin

Varsity Wrestling Individual Records

Gilman Barndollar: 0-1	Jeremy Hersch: 5-0	John Myers: 6-3
Billy Brancaccio: 9-1	Adam Jonas: 10-1	Justin Pytka: 4-2
Harry Boileau: 10-1	Eli Kagan: 10-1	Ashish Shetty: 1-1
Monte Brown: 1-5	Noah Kaye: 10-0	Dan Shvartsman: 9-1
Kwesi Christopher: 6-1	Brian Kibler: 1-2	LeChristian Steptoe: 4-3
John Dempsey: 0-1	Matt Kish: 5-2	Max Sung: 9-2
Andy Gossard: 6-5	Sean Murphy: 9-1	

DATE OF CONTEST: 1-23-99

OPPONENT: Loomis

WHERE PLAYED: Andover

RESULTS:

Andover		Loomis
103 D. Shvartsman	58-14	Kozmin
112 Boilean	5-6	Barrett
119 Murphy	WBF 1:46	Ruddy
125 Christopher	WBF :56	Domanis
130 Kish	WBF 3:17	———
135 Jonas	WFor	Pinney
140 Steptoe	WBF 2:41	Heron
145 Sung	13-15	Flores
152 Myers	WBF 1:27	Oppenheimer
160 Kaye	6-19	Bulmers-Fowles
171 Gossard	WBF 3:56	Kassouf
189 Kibler	WBF 3:10	Kim
215 Kagan	6-14	Price
HV4 Brancaccio	11-2	Sugarman
	WBF 5:11	

DATE OF CONTEST: 1-23-99

OPPONENT: New Hampton

WHERE PLAYED: Andover

RESULTS:

	Andover	48-30	New Hampton
103	Shvartsman	WFor	———
112	Boilean	WBF :27	Rheinhardt
119	Murphy	WFor	———
125	Kish	WFor	———
130	Jonas	WFor	———
135	Steptoe	11 – 6	Newhouse
140	———	WFor	Gledhill
145	Sung	WBF 2:47	Kerrigan
152	Myers	1:20 WBF	Keita
160	Kaye	7 – 1	Strickland
171	Grossard	1:14 WBF	Batza
189	Brown	5:04 WBF	Bourne
215	Kagan	3:21 WBF	Wright
HVY	Brancaccio	WBF 3:43	Cook

DATE OF CONTEST: 1-23-99

OPPONENT: Belmont Hill

WHERE PLAYED: Andover

RESULTS:

	Andover	66-9	Belmont Hill
103	Shwartsman	WTF 17-1	Feldman
112	Boileau	WBF :47	Darman
119	Christopher	15-7	Conroy
125	Murphy	WBF 1:09	Rounds
130	Kish	3:08 WBF	Stonberg
135	Jonas	WBF 5:46	Vallarelli
140	Steptoe	13-6	Grossett
145	Sung	WBF 5:45	Wells
152	Myers	WBF 1:20	Hicks
160	Kaye	WBF 1:39	Costello
171	Grossard	WBF 3:37	Bates
189	Brown	5-6	Bradshaw
215	Kagan	WFor	———
HVY	Brancaccio	WBF 3:11	Shannon

Athlete Of The Week

Noah Kaye '99

"Noah had a tough match and he just did what he always does- win."

- Eli Kagan '99

by Austin Arensburg
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Imagine it's late at night. You have gone to your club meeting, done your homework, and are anticipating a good night's sleep after a hard practice earlier in the day. Now imagine the life of wrestler, captain, and athlete of the week, Noah Kaye '99. It is late at night, he has done the same work as you have, but the next day he has a match against top rival N.M.H.

In order to wrestle the next day he has to lose nearly two pounds by five o'clock in the morning for weigh-in. As he says, " There isn't much you can do but wake up early put on the sweatshirts and rainjackets and hit the bikes." This is just a glimpse into the life of a such a devoted wrestler.

Growing up in Topeka, Kansas, Kaye quickly became immersed in the sports culture that dominated his junior high school. At age nine he began a long career in Judo, where after only three years he had worked his way up to Kansas State Champion. Truly skilled, he used his athletic ability to make the jump from soccer, where once again his tremendous athleticism led him to play on a state championship team by the age of thirteen.

After seeing his older brother Adam wrestle in the state tournament, Noah began to ponder the idea of wrestling for his school team, the Jardine Jaguars. Months later Kaye began wrestling. Recalling his decision, he feels that his prior experience in Judo was, "one of the determining factors in my beginning to wrestle." He says his stand-up wrestling style is largely based on the basic judo principles he learned at an early age. Such a dominance from the stand up position can be evidenced by his thirty takedowns this season (and, in addition, the fact that he himself has not given up any).

Although Kaye's family wasn't overwhelmingly supportive of his wrestling in the beginning, he nonetheless started attending summer camps at such prestigious wrestling schools as Iowa State, Oklahoma University, Ohio State, and Boston University. Wrestling soon became a year-round sport for Noah, although he maintains the need for people to get a well-rounded education, which entails playing more than just one sport.

Because education has always been a focal point in Noah's life, when he was in the eigth grade his father brought up the idea of his son attending prep school. Luckily for Noah (and for Andover), a friend of his dad had suggested P.A., and a few months later he applied for freshman year.

He had previously given serious thought to attending the local high school, which had one of the best wrestling programs in the state, but after visiting Andover and seeing the wrestling room he warmed up to the idea of going to boarding school and to the New England Prep League.

Friday night, all of Andover saw Noah's intensity as his wrestling squad wreaked revenge on a longtime personal and team rival, N.M.H. The meet was a culmination of huge emotional tensions and great team preparation.

The squad attracted nearly 250 raucous and excited spectators to the memorial gym on Friday. Adrenaline pumping, the team showed strong performances straight to Kaye's 160 lb. weight class.

Right from the start, Noah's competitor tried persistently to stop Kaye from shooting [a way of taking someone down—undoubtedly one of Noah's main strengths] and was rapidly closing off all his options. The first minute passed quickly and as the tension mounted in the crowd so it did on the mat. Kaye, gaining concentration and space, was able to find an easy takedown and hold out until the second period.

After choosing neutral stance, he was successful in taking down the N.M.H. wrestler and riding him until an unexpected reversal. Aware of his limited options he reacted with a spin on his head as he threw his entire body into the air, thus escaping to the screams and applause of the home crowd. By winning the match Noah clinched an Andover victory in the dual meet, something that had been a goal of Noah's since his team was squashed at N.M.H. last year. Winning the match, 10-5, he once again earned the high praise of his coaches and teammates. Friend and teammate Eli Kagan sums up the confidence the team has in Noah, "Noah had a tough match and he just did what he always does— win".

As of right now, Noah hopes to attend Harvard, which has a wrestling program on the rise (its squad is currently ranked #22 in the country). He has also applied to both Swarthmore and Princeton, which both have fairly competitive wrestling programs. Surely the intensity that Noah has shown in his amazing athletic career thus far will only grow exponentially as he takes his sport to the next level.

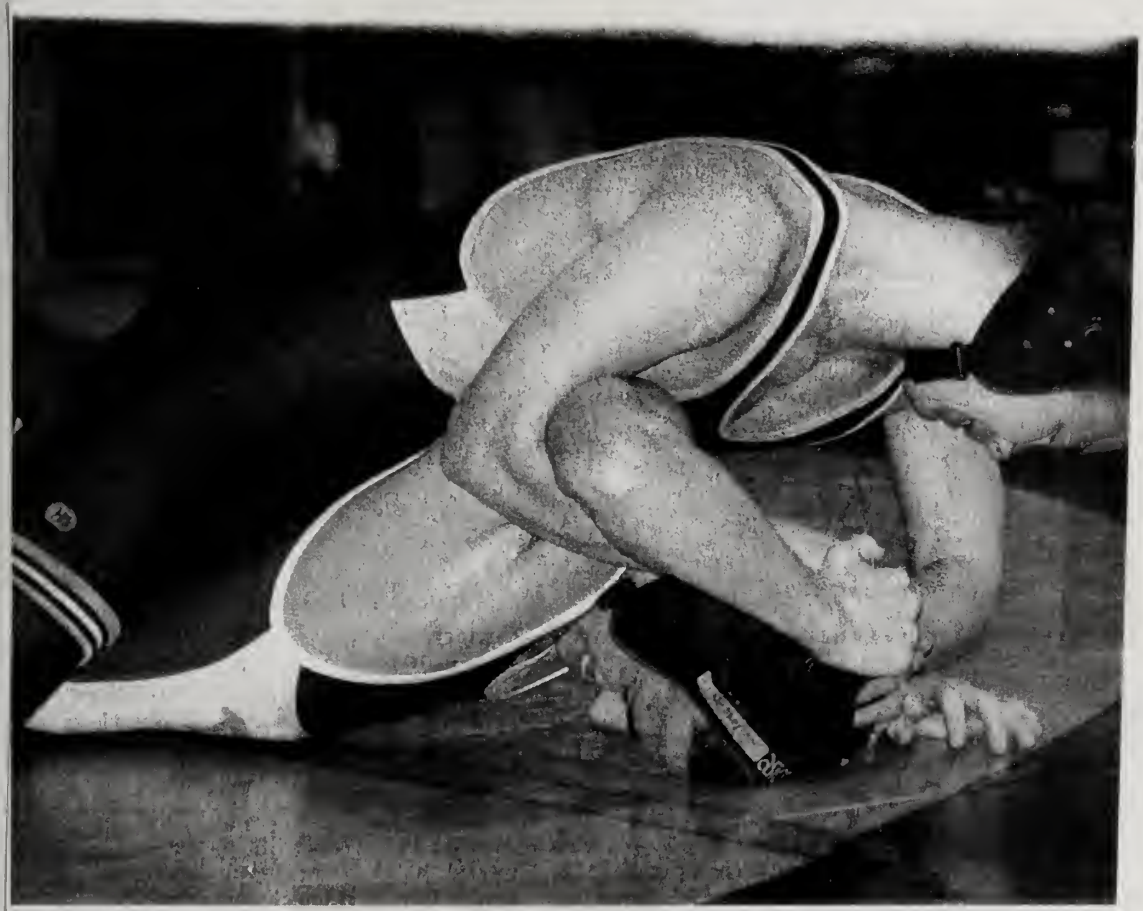
DATE OF CONTEST: 1-27-99

OPPONENT: N. Andover High School

WHERE PLAYED: Phillips

RESULTS:

	Andover	27-40	N. Andover
103	Shwartsman	9-2	Menounes
112	Boileau	8-13	Preciado
119	Murphy	9-6	Ratcliffe
125	Christopher	1-16 WTF	Concepcion
130	Jonas	7-3	Collins
135	——	WFor	Minnichi
140	Steptoe	1-12	Daley
145	Sung	2-11	Armeen
152	Barndollar	5:58 WBF	Perry
160	Kaye	WBF 2:37	Cote
171	Gossard	1-16 WTF	Fernandez
189	Brown	5:02 WBF	Rae
215	Bracaccio	WBF 3:13	Wutton
HVY	Kagan	WBF 5:16	Samson



Max Sung '99 attempts to turn his opponent by using a half-nelson during his 7-0 mastery of his NMH foe on Friday night.

1/29/99

Andover Wrestling Hog Ties NMH

by Gilman Barndollar
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Andover	45
NMH	19
Andover	56
Tabor	16

With the single exception of hated Exeter, Northfield-Mount Hermon has been Andover's oldest and most bitter wrestling rival. NMH, often bolstered by a few post-graduates, has been the Class A Champion for the past two years, and their hype-filled home meets against the Blue have been a traditional nadir for Andover in recent years.

But this year, with traditional Class A power Exeter and ISL champ St. Paul's going through rebuilding years, Andover and NMH stood alone as contenders for the Class A and even New England Championship. With the Blue holding a 9-1 record and second place in the Class A rankings to NMHís first, the match took on even more significance.

So it was before a large and raucous home crowd that the Blue won what may be remembered as the season's turning point, coming on the heels of a hard-fought but demoralizing loss to North Andover. With momentum and first place in the rankings on the line, the Blue took a huge step toward, in the words of Coach Gorham, "getting our banner in the gym."

NMH

After introductions, Dan Shvartsman '02 took to the mat to wrestle at 103, and as he has done all season, set the tone for a successful match. Controlling the action from neutral, Shvartsman shot a takedown and dominated the first period, then pinned his opponent on his back in the second. Harry Boileau '02 also wrestled a courageous match, initially keeping the contest very even. But after being taken down he had trouble on bottom, injuring his throat in the process. Boileau battled through injury though, and NMH's DiPerna took only a 6-1 decision.

Wrestling third, Sean Murphy '00 took a forfeit to put the Blue up 12-3. NMH pulled a little closer with a 13-8 decision at 125 pounds, but in the subsequent match Adam Jonas '00 brought the Blue back with a physical win. Jonas completely controlled his opponent on his feet, and pushed him around from on top as well, eventually tearing his opponent's temple and stopping the match for blood time. Once they got back to wrestling, Jonas pinned his opponent for six.

LeChristian Steptoe '00 kept up Andover's emotional charge, and though he didnít pin, his 7-1 win kept the Blue going. Captain Jeremy Hersch '99 got roars from the crowd upon his return to the mat after being sidelined by an ankle injury and mono. Hersch more than delivered, taking a pin in a mere thirty seconds. Max Sung '99, though slowed by illness, remained alert and quick, taking a 7-0 decision and narrowly missing a major victory.

At 152 pounds, John Myers '99, yet another of the Blue's returned starters, attacked a skilled opponent, controlling a tie-up and taking a pin with four seconds left in the first period. NMH's Chastain-Chapman, the league's third best at 160 pounds, wrestled Andover captain Noah Kaye '99 at 160, but Kaye maintained his first place ranking. The larger Kaye fought a tough match, staying in control when on top and triumphing by a score of 10-5.

Despite chants of "It's all over!" from the crowd, the Hoggers regained a little bit of pride with three consecutive wins, but the Blue's tough wrestlers refused to be pinned. Andy Gossard '00 displayed exceptional heart in toughing out a 2-17 loss by tech fall, and Eli Kagan '99 refused to be turned during his 12-6 loss. The outstanding Andover victory unfortunately ended on a rather dull note, but through no fault of the hosts. Though much of the school had been primed to see the enormous Dave "Big Daddy" MacMillan '99 in his first varsity match of the season, NMH forfeited the match as a protest against his certification to wrestle past the deadline.

1/29/99

Tabor

The Blue took the tedious two-hour bus ride down to Tabor on Wednesday, determined to hold on to their new first place rank and remain undefeated in Class A.

Shvartsman dominated the whole way through, but was frustrated in his attempts to pin. He ended the match with a 16-0 tech fall in the second period. Boileau jumped out to an early lead and held on for a 10-6 win. Murphy pinned in the third period , and Matt Kish '99 led all the way through a 10-3 win, finding vindication after tough matches in the previous week. Jonas, Steptoe, and Hersch all proceeded to pin for the Blue, Hersch winning with his usual speed, recording a one minute pin. Tabor's captain, Dario Rosario, took Tabor's first win of the day with a 20-8 major decision over Tyson Reist '01, wrestling his first varsity match. Rosario, finding he was unable to pin the elusive Reist, tried to win by tech fall with takedowns, but Reist fought him hard to the end. Tabor took another win at 152 pounds with a first period pin of Andover's Gilman Barndollar '00.

Kaye reestablished Andover's winning ways with a pin, and Gossard, despite stopping the match twice for blood, came from behind and rode out an 8-5 win. Monty Brown '99, wrestling at 189, suffered a tough loss. Taking on a larger and stronger opponent, Brown shot quickly and stayed in control on top, taking a 7-1 lead. But after slipping both his legs in to break his opponent flat, Brown hung his head a little low, and was flipped onto his back for just enough time for a pin. Kagan pinned at 215, and Big Daddy, in his first Andover match, took a quick single-leg takedown and pinned his opponent in just thirty-two seconds.

The NMH match may be viewed as the key point in one of the most successful Andover wrestling seasons ever. Though it would seem a bit early to be predicting the results of the league and New England tournaments, the Blue is poised for an incredible season.

In the upcoming weeks, the Andover team, riding the crest of the victory over NMH will face school rival Exeter. Over the last fifty years Andover has won but a handful of these duals, the most recent of which came more than a decade ago. Two years ago the Andover team led by 17 points with three matches left, and ended up losing by one. Last year Andover was blown out. This year, the tables have turned. Look for Andover to stifle Exeter and go on to lead the pack the rest of season and postseason.

Andover vs. NMH

Class	Wrstlr	Result
103	Shvartsmn	W- Pin
112	Boileau	L- 6-1
119	Murphy	W- For
125	Kish	L- 13-8
130	Jonas	W- Pin
135	Steptoe	W- 7-1
140	Hersch	W- Pin
145	Sung	W- 7-0
152	Myers	W- Pin
160	Kaye	W- 10-5
171	Gossard	L- 17-2
189	Kibler	L- 18-2
215	Kagan	W- 12-6
275	McMillan	W- For

2/3/99

DATE OF CONTEST: 1-29-99

OPPONENT: Northfield - Mount Hermon

WHERE PLAYED: Andover

RESULTS:

	Andover	45-19	NMH
103	Shwartsman	WBF 3:27	Durgin
112	Boileau	1-6	DiPerna
119	Murphy	WFor	———
125	Kish	8-13	Krasnoff
130	Jonas	WBF 2:44	Kenny
135	Steptoe	7-1	Douglas
140	Hersch	WBF :30	Kaces
145	Sung	7-0	Singer
152	Myers	WBF 1:56	Kim
160	Kaye	10-5	Chapman
171	Grossard	2-17 WTF	Popoli
189	Kibler	2-18 WTF	Jackson
215	Kagan	6-12	Richardson
HVY	MacMillan	WFor	———

DATE OF CONTEST: 2/3/99

OPPONENT: Tabor

WHERE PLAYED: Tabor

RESULTS:

	Andover	56-16	Tabor
103	Shvartsman	WTF 16-0	Rand
112	Boilean	10-6	Lipshutz
119	Murphy	WBF 5:11	Chen
125	Kishi	10-3	Weaver
130	Jonas	WBF 5:10	Psaris
135	Steptoe	WBF 3:47	Carran
140	Hersch	WBF 1:00	Gwosch
145	Reist	8-20	Rosario
152	Barndollar	1:10 WBF	Loutrel
160	Kaye	WBF 3:52	Douglas
171	Gossard	8-5	Velazquez
189	Brown	3:06 WBF	Fitzpatrick
215	Kagan	WBF 1:25	Cottrell
HV4	MacMillan	WBF :32	Mackel

Dan Shvartsman '02, who has compiled a cumulative record of 15-1, works to pin his opponent in the 103 lb. weight class.

Photo / D. Kurs

Wrestling Manhandles Opponents

by Eric Seo
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover	67
Moses Brown	12
Andover	38
Milton	28
Andover	42
New Hampton	36
Andover	40
Brooks	24

The Andover wrestling team took to the mat this past week with intentions to maintain its number one and undefeated Class A ranking. Their tough four-match schedule included Milton and Brooks, two of the toughest teams in the ISL. The Andover team, although still plagued with injuries and sickness, won all five of its matches and preserved its number one status.

With next week's vital match against Exeter, the Blue is presented with its best chance in recent memory to knock off its arch rival. This week's four meets were vital in establishing momentum for the Exeter meet, a goal that was not entirely met. Quad Meet- Moses Brown, Milton, New Hampton

The Andover team traveled this past Saturday to Moses Brown to take part in a quad meet against Moses Brown, Milton, and New Hampton. Though there was some confusion about whether the meet was at home or away, the boys were soon on a bus to Rhode Island.

The first of Andover's opponents, Moses Brown, was an easy win for the Blue with a final score of 67-12. Dan Shvartsman '02, as he has all season, set the tone for the match with a quick pin, and the Blue maintained its dominance throughout the match.

2/6/99

Next, the Blue faced Milton, a very tough ISL team. Andover had a harder time defeating this team, but finally prevailed with a score of 38-28. Max Sung had a very important win for the Blue, notching a major decision and five points for the team against a tough opponent.

The final opponent the Blue faced was New Hampton. Although they had easily defeated New Hampton in a previous meet, injuries weakened the squad, and forced them to forfeit three weight classes. However, the Andover team squeaked out a 42-36 win, holding on to their number one ranking. New Hampton's PG's wrestled well, but a physical win by team captain Noah Kaye '99 helped seal the tight match for the Blue.

The Blue traveled to North Andover to battle one of the strongest teams in the ISL, Brooks. Dan Shvartsman took to the mat first to wrestle at 103 pounds, and continued his dominance in his class with a pin. Sean Murphy '00, wrestling at 119 pounds, had a very tough match against an opponent who was 16-1. At the end of regulation, the match was tied. In overtime, Murphy, attempting to end the match, shot quickly. However, he was unlucky and barely missed the take down, and lost the heartbreaking match by two points. The 130 pound match was more of an execution than a wrestling match. Adam Jonas '00, one of Andover's most dominant wrestlers, completely annihilated his opponent, first with a barrage of fancy moves, and then pinning with a half nelson. The 135 pounds match was, as expected, a very difficult one for Andover. LeChristian "The Toe" Steptoe '00 fought a very heroic match against David Pope, last year's runner up in the New England Tournament. Though Pope was a much stronger and more skilled wrestler, and dominated the majority of the match, Steptoe using his natural elasticity, was able to evade a pin, and lost by a tech fall late in the third period.

Captain Jeremy Hersch '99, was next to wrestle and easily pinned his opponent in the first period. John Myers '99, faced Gunnar Pope (brother of David Pope, place finisher in New Englands, and ranked in the top three in the ISL). Pope initially dominated the match by getting Myers on his back and gaining five points. However, through the next two periods, Myers battled his way back into the match and eventually tied the match at 5-5. However, late in the third Pope reversed Myers and won the match 5-7. Noah Kaye '99, gained a win for the Blue by easily pinning his opponent in the first period. Brian Kibler '99 gained a big win for the Blue. Faced with a very tough wrestler, Kibler was quick at the start and gained enough points to ensure a victory for the team. The next match was wrestled by Eli Kagan at 215 pounds. Kagan wrestled hard, and only lost by a minor margin. Josh Aisenburg '00, finished off the meet by gaining a forfeit win at heavyweight.

Though the Blue triumphed all week, one of its most popular and skilled wrestlers, Dave "Big Daddy" MacMillan, has been denied his right to wrestle. The League has prohibited him from wrestling in dual meets and tournaments due to his inability to cut weight by the set date, due to injury. Although he may not wrestle in Andover meets or at any league tournaments, they cannot keep him from wrestling in the National Tournament.

Coming off four big victories the Blue must now prepare for its biggest meet against its long time nemesis, Exeter. Andover has not defeated Exeter for the past fourteen years, and now being the number one ranked team in Class A, hopes to break this awful trend. Coach Mark Efinger said, "the Brook's match was business as usual. We went there and took them apart almost systematically. However, this win lacked the glory that we need in order to prepare for Exeter. We are looking now to take our present intensity to a new level to carry us through the big one." Look for Andover to defeat Exeter and carry their momentum as the number one team into the Class A and New England Tournaments.

DATE OF CONTEST: 2-6-99

OPPONENT: Moses Brown

WHERE PLAYED: Moses Brown

RESULTS:

	Andover	65-12	Moses Brown
103	Shwartsman	WBF :32	London
112	Boileau	2:44 WBF	Akeistein
119	Murphy	WBF :59	Livesey
125	Kish	WFor	———
130	Jonas	WBF 3:10	Curran
135	Pytka	7 - 4	Caplain
140	Hersch	16 - 6	Barnard
145	Suney	WBF 1:43	Silver
152	Myers	WBF 2:50	Terry
160	Gossard	WBF 2:42	Monbouquette
171	Kaye	WFor	———
189	Kibler	WBF :52	Matthias
215	Aisenberg	WBF :43	Ridaulis
HVY	———	WFor	Rizk

DATE OF CONTEST: 2-6-99

OPPONENT: Milton

WHERE PLAYED: Moses Brown

RESULTS:

	Andover	38-28	Milton
103	Shvartsman	15-1	Sanford
112	Boileau	5-3 OT	Toutt
119	Murphy	11-3	Ortiz
125	Christopher	3:38 WBF	Lee
130	Jonas	WBF 3:44	Nguyen
135	Steptoe	3:13 WBF	Seff
140	Hersch	WBF 1:18	Shin
145	Sung	4-0	Sigourney
152	Myers	10-4	Pitino
160	Kaye	WBF 1:57	Donovan
171	Brown	Inj WBD	Dugger
189	Kibler	8-6	Roiter
215	Aisenberg	5-17	Chen
HV4	———	WFor	Houston

DATE OF CONTEST: 2-6-99

OPPONENT: New Hampton

WHERE PLAYED: Moses Brown

RESULTS:

	Andover	42-36	New Hampton
103	Shvartsman	WFor	———
112	Boileau	WBF :26	Rheinhardt
119	Murphy	WFor	———
125	Kish	2:27 WBF	Steinberg
130	Jonas	WFor	———
135	Steptoe	6-3	Newhouse
140	———	WFor	Gledhill
145	Sung	WBF 1:02	Kerrigan
152	Reist	WBF 3:54	Porcelli
160	Kaye	11-4	Keita
171	Grossard	1:37 WBF	Batza
189	———	WFor	Bourne
215	———	WFor	Wright
HVY	Aisenberg	2:24 WBF	Cook

DATE OF CONTEST: 2-10-99

OPPONENT: Brooks

WHERE PLAYED: Brooks

RESULTS:

	Andover	40-24	Brooks
103	Shwartsman	WBF 3:40	Lawrence
112	Boileau	7-1	Jones
119	Murphy	7-9 OT	Seifert
125	Kish	13-4	Giallanella
130	Jonas	WBF 3:40	Haivanis
135	Steptoe	2-18 WTF	Pope, D
140	Hersch	WBF 1:13	Michel
145	Sung	6-16	Ajose
152	Myers	5-7	Pope, G
160	Kaye	WBF 2:22	Staropoli
171	Gossard	5:06 WBF	Wheeler
189	Kibler	6-1	Cho
215	Kagan	1-8	Shaughnessey
HVY	Aisenberg	WFor	

Wrestling Crushes Rival Exeter 46-19; Victory Ends A Fourteen Year Drought

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Andover	46
Exeter	19

It has been 14 long years since the Andover Blue last defeated arch-rival Exeter in wrestling; as Coach Richard Gorham has often told his squad, "I was a lower the last time we beat Exeter."

Despite the Blue's phenomenal successes of late, including a 45-19 thrashing of powerhouse NMH and a 16-1 record (undefeated in Class A's), the biggest obstacle to a truly great season was Exeter. Wrestling in front of a huge home crowd, Andover finally ended a decade and a half of futility, Wednesday afternoon, with a 46-19 triumph that announced to everyone in New England that the Blue has emerged among the elite. With this last hurdle overcome, Andover departs tonight for the Class A Championship at Hyde, where they will enter as the favorites and hope to leave as champions.

One of Andover's co-captains, 145-pound Jeremy Hersch '99, continued his phenomenal winning streak, Wednesday, while fellow Captain Noah Kaye '99 suffered a heartbreaking setback, losing his first match all season. The unlikely heroes of Wednesday's meet were Tyson Reist '01 and Brian Kibler '99, both of whom pulled out key pins and brought the crowd to its feet.

First to wrestle for Andover Wednesday was Dan Shvartsman '02 at 103 pounds. He began the match with two quick, consecutive take-downs, his trademark throughout the season. After a period of domination over a much smaller and less skilled opponent, Shvartsman expertly reversed at the start of the second period and pinned his opponent 38 seconds later giving the team a 6-0 lead and setting the tone for an Andover victory.

Next to wrestle was Harry Boileau '02 at 112 pounds. Boileau came out to a quick start, but could not really get anything going and ended the period with only a 3-0 lead. However, from the second period on, Boileau dominated his opponent and won a major decision by a score of 15-2, increasing the Blue's lead to 10.

Sean Murphy '01 at 119 pounds, was the next wrestler to take the mat for Andover. Murphy jumped out to a quick four-point lead with a take down and near pin. Although his onslaught was delayed in order to bandage a cut on his temple, Murphy went right back to work once wrestling resumed, ending the period with his opponent in a cross face cradle and a commanding 9-1 lead. Murphy continued to punish his opponent, but could not pin him and ended the match by tech fall in the third period with a score of 17-2, raising Andover's lead to 15.

Kwesi Christopher '99 at 125 pounds was the Blue's next wrestler. The first period was very evenly fought. Although Exeter's wrestler pulled ahead to a 2-0 lead, Christopher wrestled hard and was able to escape and reverse and finished the period with a 4-4 tie. Christopher kept his momentum going early in the first by quickly escaping from the down position. However, despite Christopher's valiant effort, late in the second period, his opponent caught him off balance and was able to squeak out a pin.

At 130 pounds, Matt Kish '99 was next to take the mat. Kish wrestled hard against a heavier, stronger opponent and only trailed by two points at the end of the first period. During the second period, the combination of his opponent's weight and strength weakened Kish's attack and his opponent began to take control. Kish did not quit and fought hard till the end. He was able to evade a pin, only giving up four points to Exeter.

Andover's next wrestler, Adam Jonas '00, regained some momentum for the Blue. Although he was wrestling up a weight class at 135 pounds, Jonas was able to dominate his heavier opponent and nearly pinned him many times. At the end of three periods, Jonas had gained a 13-3 win over his opponent and four more points for the Blue, putting them on top 19-10.

LeChristian Steptoe '00 tried to repeat Jonas' success, but came up just short. In a very close match full of reversals, Steptoe wrestled hard, being in control for half of the match. When the final buzzer went off, however, Steptoe trailed by three points and lost the match 10-13.

As expected, Jeremy Hersch, one of Andover's co-captains, completely destroyed his opponent. Hersch exploded at the start, quickly taking down his opponent and pinning him in a mere 44 seconds with a ball and chain into a half nelson.

Hersch was followed by Tyson Reist at 152 pounds. Reist, not a regular varsity wrestler, was faced with the biggest match of his short Andover career. He wrestled a bigger, more experienced opponent, Exeter's captain Dodwell. Dodwell jumped out to a quick lead, but Reist refused to be beaten. He wrestled tough in the first period and just before the end was able to reverse his opponent and nearly pin him, leaving himself trailing by only

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opponent up and pinned him for a huge win 32 seconds into the period, giving Andover a 31-13 lead.

Andover's other captain, Noah Kaye '99 was next to wrestle. The 160 pound Kaye was to wrestle a very tough and skilled opponent, Exeter post graduate Bean, a Connecticut State Champion. The entire match was fairly even, both wrestlers struggling to shoot or even to gain an advantage. At the end of one period, the score remained 0-0. During the second period, again both wrestlers fought hard, but at the end of the period, Bean had a slight 1-3 advantage over Kaye. Kaye battled back and nearly gained a tie, but an unlucky penalty and unaggressive, evasive wrestling on Bean's part kept the win from Kaye, ending the match with a heartbreaking 3-4 loss.

Next up was Andover's Andy Gossard '00 at 171 pounds. Wrestling a much heavier and stronger opponent, Gossard fought valiantly to the end, still losing 1-7.

Brian Kibler then took to the mat for the Blue, wrestling at 189 pounds. Kibler, who had a season of ups and downs, was looking for a win in his last meet at Andover. He faced a strong opponent and trailed 1-5 at the end of two periods. At the start of the third period, a very tired Kibler fought with a lot of heart. His determination finally won out, and he was able to reverse and nearly pin, tying the match up at five a piece. Kibler then worked another near pin from the top with a cross face cradle and held on for a huge 8-6 win, sealing the victory for Andover.

Even before the deafening cheers for Kibler had subsided, Eli Kagan '99 had begun his match in the 215 pound class. He easily dominated his opponent and won by a pin with two seconds left in the first period. Josh Aisenberg '00 rounded out the match with a forfeit win at heavyweight giving the Big Blue a 46-19 win over arch-nemesis Exeter.

With Exeter beaten, this year's Andover wrestling team has taken its place as perhaps the greatest the school has ever fielded. No prep team has yet been able to handle the Blue, and the decisive win over Exeter served to highlight Andover's talent and fervor.

"We stepped up, especially Brian Kibler and Tyson Reist; it was a great send-off for the seniors," said Coach Gorham. Team veteran Jonas added, "This win is a very good ending to a long and successful season. Hopefully the win will not only establish a new trend in the Andover-Exeter rivalry, but will also propel us into the post-season tournaments with the confidence and momentum we need in order to win."

This win enables Andover to maintain its number one ranking going into the Class A Tournament this weekend. Andover heads to the Class A and the New England Tournaments with high expectations not only for its individual wrestlers, but for the team as well.

Look for Andover to carry the momentum from this win into the post season tournaments where they hope to continue their dominance.

Only time will tell whether this season's reversal of fortunes, Andover's first win in 14 years, will mark the beginning of a new trend or simply be recorded as a glorious but fleeting triumph. Whichever way it turns out, Kaye and Hersch's team will be remembered for its intensity, its talent, and its victories.

Andover vs. Exeter

Class	Wrestler	Result
103	Shvartsman	W- Pin
112	Boileau	W- 15-2
119	Murphy	W- T. Fall
125	Christopher	L- Pin
130	Kish	L- 3-11
135	Jonas	W- 13-3
140	Steptoe	L- 10-13
145	Hersch	W- Pin
152	Reist	W- Pin
160	Kaye	L- 3-4
171	Gossard	L- 1-7
189	Kibler	W- 8-6
215	E. Kagan	W- Pin
275	Aisenberg	W- Forfeit

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Harry Boileau '02, wrestling at 112, engages his opponent.

Photo / D. Kurs

Adam Jonas '00 puts his Exeter opponent to the mat en-route to his 13-3 victory in the 135 lb. weight class

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Jeremy Hersch cleans up his opponent in under a minute.

D. Kurs/*The Phillipian*

Team Captain Jeremy Hersch '99, who pinned his opponent in a mere 54 seconds, helped lead the team to victory

DATE OF CONTEST: 2-17-99

OPPONENT: Exeter

WHERE PLAYED: Andover

RESULTS:

	Andover	46-19	Exeter
103	Shvartsman	WBF 2:38	Chen
112	Boileau	15-2	Evans
119	Murphy	WTF 17-2	Wachsman
125	Christopher	3:10 WBF	Lobo
130	Kish	3-11	Cantave
135	Jonas	13-3	Briskin
140	Steptoe	10-13	Fitzpatrick
145	Hersch	WBF :54	Man
152	Reist	WBF 4:32	Dodwell
160	Kaye	3-4	Bean
171	Gossard	1-7	Ward
189	Kibler	8-6	Emery
215	Kagan	WBF 1:58	Bryant
275	Aisenberg	WFor	———

DATE OF CONTEST: February 20, 1999

OPPONENT: Class A Tournament

WHERE PLAYED: Hyde School, ME

RESULTS:

1st - Phillips Academy 195 pts
2nd - Northfield-Mount Herman 192 pts
3rd - Deerfield 177 pts

103 Dan Shvartsman - 3rd
112 Harry Boileau - 5th
119 Sean Murphy - 2nd
125 Kwesi Christopher - 6th
130 Adam Jonas - 1st
135 LeChristian Steptoe - 5th
140 Jeremy Hersch - 1st
171 Brian Kibler - 5th
189 Monte Brown - 6th
HVY Eli Kagan - 1st

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Led by last year's New England Champions, Jeremy Hersch '99 and Noah Kaye '99, Andover wrestling fought its way to one of its best seasons in school history in 1999. In addition to finishing 17-1, with an undefeated record in the Class A League, the Big Blue beat hated Exeter for the first time in fourteen years, then survived late-season injuries to win the Class A Tournament for the first time in decades. At the 64-team New England Tournament, Andover finished a school-best second despite Kaye's absence to injury.

Although a planned November scrimmage with Brooks was canceled, Head Coach Rich Gorham directed Andover to a 57-22 rout of Governor Dummer in the the team's first match of the season. After taking forfeits in the early weight classes, Sean Murphy '00 set the tone with a first-period pin of his startled opponent. The Blue went on to win the next six matches, including an inspirational come-from-behind pin by Justin Pytka '00 to establish a commanding lead. Though GDA had a late surge, keyed by captain Mike Moore's pin at 189 pounds, veteran Eli Kagan finished off the dual meet nicely for the Blue, recording a 62 second pin.

Traveling down to Choate for their second match of the season, the team again dominated the opponent from start to finish. With promising freshman Dan Shvartsman still making weight, the Blue had to forfeit the first weight class, but Murphy again started things out well with a 16-1 technical fall win. The Blue won ten of the first eleven matches, with another tech fall, 15-0, coming from captain Kaye. Though Brian Kibler was pinned after spraining his neck, the Blue left Connecticut with a 55-12 win and a 2-0 record. Particularly promising were pins from LeChristian Steptoe at 140 pounds, and Billy Brancaccio at 215, each wrestling his first varsity match.

After the first two easy wins, Andover faced its first real test of the season in an away match with Wilbraham & Munson Academy, traditionally a Class A powerhouse. Shvartsman took to the mat for his first varsity match, and gave the Blue a 6-0 lead it would never relinquish. Controlling his opponent on his feet, Shvartsman pinned in the second period. Harry Boileau took his third forfeit of the season at 112, and Murphy won a physical match 10-6. W&MA began to rally, however, with three straight wins. Pytka lost the last of the three, a 2-1 defeat in which he was reversed late in the match. But just as the momentum seemed to be slipping away, captain Jeremy Hersch took it back with an energizing pin. The Blue took three of the next four, including an impressive 6-3 win by Kaye over a skilled postgraduate, Nick Lussier. Andy Gossard also won big, stringing together moves for an 18-4 victory. A few minutes later, it was all over, and Andover departed with a solid 37-25 win to move up to second in the rankings of the 16-team Class A's. As Coach Gorham put it, "We passed our first real test."

Andover further solidified its season with a sweep of the next weekend's quad meet at Deerfield. Andover first embarassed a decent Providence Country Day team 78-0. With PCD nursing injuries and forfeiting eight of the Tilton, 69-10. After Andover took a 24-0 lead, Adam Jonas kept the Blue going with a 59-second pin. Brancaccio won 8-2 at heavyweight to end the rout. Host Deerfield, one of the better Class A teams, was far more competitive, but they were also dispatched, 48-21. Kwesi Christopher '99 had one of the day's best matches, winning a tough overtime match with a quick sprawl. Max Sung '99 also had an exciting match, flying through the third period for a 14-8 win. The heavier weights were solid for Andover, with Ashish Shetty winning 8-6 at 189, and Brancaccio and Kagan both pinning in the first period.

Returning home, the Blue demolished Worcester Academy before a large Wednesday home crowd. Murphy and Christopher scored quick pins, and Gossard showed incredible heart in sticking through a tough match against a larger opponent, losing only in the closing seconds. It was a swift and satisfying 71-3 win for Andover.

Hosting three solid teams just three days later, the Blue again put on a show for the fans. Loomis-Chaffee was a little bit tough, but Andover emerged with a 56-14 win. Shvartsman, incredible all season, lost his first match of the season, a 6-5 decision to Loomis' Dwight Kozmin. The Blue kept going though, recording five straight pins, including an impressive third period stick for Brancaccio. New Hampton was far better, but coach Gorham was unimpressed with his team's win, saying "We wrestled flat." Four forfeits and an amazing 27-second pin from Harry Boileau put the Blue up 25-0, but New Hampton's PGs battled back, and Andover emerged with a 48-30 win. A young, rebuilding Belmont Hill team was overwhelmed 66-9, with Shvartsman winning a 17-1 tech fall and Boileau pinning in just 47 seconds.

With Phillips Academy finally developing a reputation as one of the best teams in Class A, the time finally seemed ripe for an upset win by the Blue in a fierce rivalry that the Scarlet Knights of North Andover have never lost. But with five starters, including undefeated captain Jeremy Hersch, missing with injuries, the Big Blue dropped a 40-27 match. Kaye had a notable pin, but the Blue just couldn't pull through, as they suffered their only loss of the season.

But a mere two days later, Andover bounced back to win one of their most impressive matches in recent team history. Wrestling in front of a large crowd in the Borden gym, the Blue humiliated Northfield-Mount Hermon 45-19 to take the coveted number one ranking in Class A's. Adam Jonas brutalized his opponent, bloodying him before pinning in the second period. Hersch, still recovering from fever and an ankle injury, pinned his opponent in a mere thirty seconds to fire up the Blue. Though NMH won two late tech falls, their disgusted coach conceded the heavyweight match to Andover PG Dave MacMillan.

After the climactic win over the Hoggers, the team beat Tabor 5-16, then swept a quad meet in Rhode Island. Shvartsman set the tone for the Blue with a quick pin against Moses Brown, and Andover romped to an easy 67-12 win. Against a talented Milton team, Andover took a 38-28 victory. New Hampton proved even tougher the second time around, but a win by Kaye helped seal a tight 42-36 win for the Blue.

With just one match to go before the huge contest with Exeter, Andover came out hard against Brooks. Sean Murphy lost a tough Jonas annihilated his opponent, pinning with a half-nelson. The elastic LeChristian Steptoe eked out a tech fall loss against Brooks captain David Pope. Max Sung had one of the day's best matches, losing narrowly to Brooks' exceptional 145, Tayo Ajose. Pins by Hersch and Kaye helped put the match away for the Blue.

Finally, after fourteen years of futility, Andover trounced Exeter on the mat. Motivated by coach Gorham and assistant coaches Bing Sung and Mark Efinger, all Andover wrestling alums, the Blue tore through the Red for a 46-19 win. Shvartsman pinned, and Boileau took a 15-2 decision. Hersch, as always, dismantled and pinned his opponent, and Tyson Reist '01 won an inspirational match for the Blue, reversing and pinning a far more experienced Exeter wrestler to give the Blue a 31-13 lead. Unfortunately, Kaye lost a near-stalemate 4-3 to Exeter PG Bean, and sustained a concussion that would end an outstanding season. Kibler also stepped up, sealing the huge win with an 8-6 triumph. It was a great day for an Andover team finally getting the [illegible] it had earned all season.

With a great regular season behind them, the Andover wrestlers concentrated on the tournaments ahead of them. Despite missing Kaye and Sung to injury, the Blue edged out NMH by three points to win what could easily be called the biggest victory in the history of the program. Every Andover wrestler won at least one match, and over half the team placed. Shvartsman lost a surprising match to Hyde to finish third, while Kibler and Monty Brown '99 both stepped up their wrestling to place. Jonas edged out Wilbraham's Root in the semifinals in a smart match, then went on to win his weight class. Hersch also won, and then, with the whole team riding on his shoulders, Eli Kagan won the heavyweight class to take the tournament for an emotional Andover team.

A few Andover wrestlers then traveled to the Prep Nationals in Pennsylvania, where Hersch took an incredible sixth place (out of over a hundred competitors) to earn Prep All-America honors. Away at the New England Tournament a week later, the Blue wrestled hard, with Hersch, Jonas, and Shvartsman going to the finals, but lost narrowly to New Hampton.

All in all, it was an incredible year for Andover wrestling, quite possibly the team's best season ever. Though many talented seniors are departing, the Blue will maintain a solid nucleus, led by co-captains Jonas and Murphy. Andover will look forward to defending its Class A Championship next year, when the Class A's will be held here at Phillips Academy.

dam Jonas '00 puts his Exeter opponent to the mat en-route to his 13-3 victory in the 135lb. weight class. Jonas, who went on to win at Class A's
d take second at New Englands, will serve as wrestling co-captain with Sean Murphy '00 next season.

Co-Captains Jeremy Hersch '99 and Noah Kaye '99 led wrestling to its best season in recent memory, beating Exeter and winning Class A's for the first time in over a decade.

Photo Courtesy of G. Barndollar

Andover's wrestling team traveled to the Hyde School in Maine last weekend and captured the Class A Championship Trophy. ***See Page 3.***

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SATURDAY, APRIL 3

Baseball (B V)	BRIDGTON(Scrim)	(H)	2:00
Golf (V)	Tabor (Kittansett CC)	(A)	2:00
Lacrosse (B V)	NASHUA (Scrim)	(H)	1:00
Lacrosse (G V)	MIDDLESEX (Scrim)	(H)	2:00
Softball (G V)	ANDOVER PLAY DAY	(H)	10:00
Tennis (G V)	NEWTON C.D.(Scrim)	(H)	1:00

MONDAY, APRIL 5

Baseball (B V)	HAVERHILL HIGH SCHOOL	(H)	3:00
Tennis (B VB)	ANOOVER HIGH SCHOOL	(H)	3:00

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7

Baseball (B JV1)	BELMONT HILL	(H)	3:00
Baseball (B JV 2)	B.B.&N. (Smithfield)	(A)	3:15
Baseball (B V)	No. Andover (Scrim)	(A)	3:00
Golf (V)	EXETER/GDA	(H)	1:30
Lacrosse (B JV1)	GOVERNOR DUMMER (Scrim)	(H)	3:00
Lacrosse (B V)	N.M.H.	(A)	4:00
Lacrosse (G V)	St. Mark's (Scrim)	(A)	3:15
Softball (G JV)	NEWMAN PREP	(H)	3:30
Softball (G V)	LOWELL HIGH	(H)	3:15
Tennis (B V)	Tufts	(A)	3:00
Tennis (G JV)	WINSOR (JV2)	(H)	3:30
Tennis (G V)	TABOR	(H)	2:30
Tennis (G VB)	Winsor (JV)	(A)	3:00

THURSDAY, APRIL 8

Golf (V)	BELMONT HILL (HILLVIEW)	(H)	3:45

FRIDAY, APRIL 9

Lacrosse (G JV1)	DANA HALL	(H)	4:00
Lacrosse (G JV2)	DANA HALL	(H)	4:00
Softball (G V)	NOBEL HS	(H)	3:45
Tennis (B V)	M.I.T.	(A)	4:30
Tennis (G VB)	BROOKS	(H)	4:15

SATURDAY, APRIL 10

Baseball (B JV1)	BISHOP FENWICK HIGH	(H)	1:00
Baseball (B V)	Wilbrham & Monson	(A)	2:30
Crew (B V)	Kent	(A)	2:00
Crew (G V)	Kent	(A)	2:00
Lacrosse (B JV1)	CHARLESTOWN LACROSSE	(H)	1:00
Lacrosse (B JV2)	MASCDNDMET JV	(H)	1:30
Lacrosse (B V)	HYDE SCHOOL	(H)	2:00
Lacrosse (G V)	K.U.A.	(H)	4:00
Softball (G JV)	PORTSMOUTH CHR	(H)	1:00
Tennis (B V)	N.M.H.	(H)	3:00
Tennis (B VB)	N.M.H.	(H)	3:00
Track & Field (B V)	DEERFIELD/TAFT	(H)	2:00
Track & Field (G V)	OEERFIELD/TAFT	(H)	2:00
Volleyball (B V)	CHOATE	(H)	3:30

MONDAY, APRIL 12

Tennis (B V)	ANDOVER HIGH SCHOOL	(H)	3:30

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14

Baseball (B JV1)	GR. LAW. TECHNICAL HIGH	(H)	3:15
Baseball (B JV2)	Gr. Law. Technical High	(A)	3:15
Baseball (B V)	CUSHING	(H)	3:00
Golf (V)	HOLOERNESS	(H)	2:30
Lacrosse (B JV2)	PIKE SCHOOL	(H)	3:15
Lacrosse (B V)	BRIDGTON ACAOEMY	(H)	4:00
Lacrosse (G JV1)	N.M.H. (N)	(A)	3:45
Lacrosse (G JV2)	DERRYFIELD	(H)	3:00
Lacrosse (G V)	N.M.H.	(A)	4:00
Softball (G JV)	PIKE SCHOOL	(H)	3:00
Softball (G V)	K.U.A.	(H)	3:00
Tennis (B JV)	Tabor	(A)	3:00
Tennis (B VB)	Tabor	(A)	3:00
Tennis (G V)	St. Paul's	(A)	3:00
Tennis (G VB)	TILTON	(H)	2:30

THURSDAY, APRIL 15

Golf (V)	Middlesex (Concord CC)	(A)	3:30

FRIDAY, APRIL 16

Lacrosse (B JV1)	Belmont Hill	(A)	4:30
Tennis (B V)	Belmont Hill (V)	(A)	4:30

SATURDAY, APRIL 17

Baseball (B V)	Worcester (DH)	(A)	10:00
Crew (B V)	St. John's/Simsb/Exeter	(A)	3:00
Crew (G V)	Simsbury/Exeter	(A)	3:00
Lacrosse (B V)	ALBANY ACADEMY	(H)	2:00
Softball (G V)	Bancroft (4PM)/N.M.H.	(A)	2:00

SUNDAY, APRIL 18

Cycling Team	Bish. Hendricken (Warwick)	(A)	10:00

TUESDAY, APRIL 20

Tennis (G V)	Middlesex	(A)	4:15

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21

Baseball (B JV1)	North Reading High School	(A)	3:30
Baseball (B JV2)	CUSHING	(H)	3:30
Baseball (B V)	HARVARO	(H)	3:30
Cycling Team	Putney	(A)	3:00
Golf (V)	Milton(Presidents)/B.B.N.	(A)	2:30
Lacrosse (B JV1)	Holderness	(A)	3:00
Lacrosse (B V)	Holderness	(A)	3:00
Lacrosse (G JV1)	HDLDERNESS	(H)	3:30
Lacrosse (G V)	HDLDERNESS	(H)	3:30
Softball (G JV)	PRESENTATION OF MARY	(H)	3:30
Softball (G V)	PRESENTATION OF MARY	(H)	3:30
Tennis (B JV)	BELMONT HILL (JV)	(H)	4:00
Tennis (B V)	MILTON	(H)	3:30
Tennis (B VB)	LOWELL HIGH	(H)	2:00
Tennis (G JV)	PIKE SCHOOL	(H)	2:00
Volleyball (B V)	ST. JOHN'S PREP JV	(H)	3:30

FRIDAY, APRIL 23

Softball (G JV)	OANA HALL (V)	(H)	4:00
Tennis (G V)	MILTON	(H)	4:30
Tennis (G VB)	MILTON	(H)	4:30

SATURDAY, APRIL 24

Baseball (B JV2)	MILTON	(H)	2:00
Baseball (B V)	N.M.H. (DH)	(H)	1:00
Lacrosse (B JV1)	OEERFIELO	(H)	3:00
Lacrosse (B JV2)	PROCTOR	(H)	3:30
Lacrosse (B V)	DEERFIELD	(H)	7:00
Lacrosse (G JV1)	PROCTOR	(H)	2:00
Lacrosse (G JV2)	PROCTOR	(H)	3:15
Lacrosse (G V)	Taft	(A)	4:00
Softball (G JV)	FREEMONT JH	(H)	12:30
Softball (G V)	CUSHING/TABOR/NAZARETH	(H)	2:00
Tennis (B V)	Deerfield	(A)	3:30
Tennis (B VB)	Deerfield	(A)	3:30
Tennis (G JV)	Exeter	(A)	2:00
Tennis (G V)	Exeter	(A)	2:00
Tennis (G VB)	Exeter	(A)	2:00
Track & Field (B JV)	N.M.H.	(A)	2:15
Track & Field (B V)	N.M.H.	(A)	2:15
Track & Field (G JV)	N.M.H./Milton	(A)	2:15
Track & Field (G V)	N.M.H./Milton	(A)	2:15
Volleyball (B V)	N.M.H.	(A)	3:15

SUNDAY, APRIL 25

Cycling Team	Gould (Bethel, ME)	(A)	10:00

MONDAY, APRIL 26

Lacrosse (B V)	GOVERNOR DUMMER	(H)	4:30

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28

Baseball (B JV1)	Belmont Hill	(A)	3:30
Baseball (B JV2)	St. Paul's	(A)	2:45
Baseball (B V)	WILBRAHAM & MONSON	(H)	3:15
Cycling Team	Holderness Plymouth NH	(A)	3:00
Golf (V)	St. Mark's (St. Mark's)	(A)	3:00
Lacrosse (B JV2)	Masconomet	(A)	3:30
Lacrosse (G JV1)	B.B.&N.	(H)	4:30
Lacrosse (G JV2)	Pike School	(A)	3:00
Lacrosse (G V)	B.B.&N.	(H)	3:15
Softball (G V)	EXETER	(H)	2:30
Tennis (B JV)	EXETER	(H)	2:30
Tennis (B VB)	EXETER	(H)	2:30
Tennis (B V)	EXETER	(H)	2:30
Tennis (G JV)	St. Paul's	(A)	3:00
Tennis (G VB)	Masconomet	(A)	3:30

FRIDAY, APRIL 30

Lacrosse (B JV2)	Pike School	(A)	3:45
Lacrosse (G JV2)	Shore Country Day	(A)	4:00
Tennis (B JV)	Belmont Hill (JV)	(A)	4:30
Tennis (B VB)	St. John's	(H)	3:30

SATURDAY, MAY 1

Baseball (B JV2)	BISHOP FENWICK HIGH	(H)	2:00
Baseball (B V)	EXETER (OH)	(H)	1:30
Crew (B V)	ST. PAUL'S	(H)	3:00
Crew (G V)	ST. PAUL'S	(H)	3:00
Golf (V)	TILTON	(H)	2:30
Lacrosse (B JV1)	Loomis-Chaffee	(A)	3:30
Lacrosse (B V)	Loomis-Chaffee	(A)	3:30
Lacrosse (G JV1)	Tabor	(A)	4:30
Lacrosse (G V)	Tabor	(A)	3:00
Softball (G JV)	NO. ANDOVER HIGH	(H)	1:30
Softball (G V)	NANDOVER/NHAMPTON 3:00	(H)	1:30
Tennis (B VB)	ANDOVER HIGH SCHDDL	(H)	1:00
Tennis (G V)	N.M.H.	(A)	3:15
Tennis (G VB)	N.M.H. (N)	(A)	3:15
Track & Field (B JV)	Andover High School	(A)	2:00
Track & Field (B V)	Andover High School	(A)	2:00
Track & Field (G JV)	Andover High School	(A)	2:00
Track & Field (G V)	Andover High School	(A)	2:00
Volleyball (B V)	ANDOVER HIGH	(H)	2:30

SUNDAY, MAY 3

Cycling Team	HOME RACE	(H)	1:00

WEDNESDAY, MAY 5

Baseball (B JV1)	Milton	(A)	3:30
Baseball (B JV2)	PINGREE	(H)	3:30
Baseball (B V)	Cushing	(A)	3:00
Golf (V)	Thayer(Braintree Munic)	(A)	2:30
Lacrosse (B JV1)	Pinkerton Academy	(A)	5:00
Lacrosse (B JV2)	Pinkerton Academy	(A)	4:00
Lacrosse (B V)	MILTON	(H)	3:30
Lacrosse (G JV1)	GOVERNDR DUMMER	(H)	4:15
Lacrosse (G JV2)	BROOKWOOD SCHOOL	(H)	3:30
Lacrosse (G V)	GOVERNDR DUMMER	(H)	3:15
Softball (G JV)	PORTSMDUTH CHRIST. ACAD.	(H)	4:30
Softball (G V)	OUR LADY DF NAZ. WAKEFIELD	(H)	3:30
Tennis (B JV)	PIKE SCHOOL	(H)	3:00
Tennis (B V)	MOSES BROWN	(H)	4:00
Tennis (B VB)	MILTON	(H)	3:15
Tennis (G JV)	Middlesex	(A)	2:15
Tennis (G V)	Milton	(A)	3:00
Track & Field (B JV)	CUSHING/READING	(H)	3:30
Track & Field (B V)	CUSHING/READING	(H)	3:30
Track & Field (G JV)	CUSHING/READING	(H)	3:30
Track & Field (G V)	CUSHING/READING	(H)	3:30
Tennis (G VB)	Dana Hall	(A)	3:30

SATURDAY, MAY 8

Baseball (B JV1)	Deerfield (OH)	(A)	1:30
Baseball (B JV2)	GOVERNDR DUMMER JV	(H)	2:00
Baseball (B V)	Deerfield (DH)	(A)	1:30
Crew (B V)	TABDR/EXETER	(H)	2:00
Crew (G V)	TABDR/EXETER	(H)	2:00
Cycling	Deerfield	(A)	2:00
Golf (V)	GDA/Exeter	(A)	1:30
Lacrosse (B JV1)	Concord-Carlisle High	(A)	3:00
Lacrosse (B JV2)	LOOMIS-CHAFFEE	(H)	3:30
Lacrosse (B V)	Concord-Carlisle High	(A)	3:00
Lacrosse (G JV1)	LOOMIS-CHAFFEE	(H)	3:30
Lacrosse (G JV2)	LOOMIS-CHAFFEE	(H)	3:30
Lacrosse (G V)	THAYER	(H)	7:00
Softball (G JV)	Governor Dummer V	(A)	1:30
Softball (G V)	Deerfield/Stoneleigh 3:45	(A)	1:30
Tennis (B JV)	Concord Academy V	(A)	1:30
Tennis (B V)	CHOATE	(H)	3:30
Tennis (B VB)	CHOATE	(H)	3:30
Tennis (G V)	LOOMIS-CHAFFEE	(H)	3:30
Tennis (G VB)	CONCORD ACADEMY	(H)	1:00
Track & Field (B JV)	LOOMIS-CHAFFEE	(H)	3:30
Track & Field (B V)	LODMIS-CHAFFEE	(H)	3:30
Track & Field (G JV)	LODMIS-CHAFFEE	(H)	3:30
Track & Field (G V)	LODMIS-CHAFFEE	(H)	3:30
Volleyball (B V)	Choate	(A)	3:30

WEDNESDAY, MAY 12

Baseball (B JV1)	EXETER	(H)	2:30
Baseball (B V)	TABOR	(H)	3:00
Cycling Team	Proctor (Loudon, NH)	(A)	2:30
Golf (V)	RIVERS	(H)	3:00
Lacrosse (B JV1)	St. Paul's	(A)	3:15
Lacrosse (B JV2)	CUSHING	(H)	3:00
Lacrosse (B V)	St. Paul's	(A)	3:15
Lacrosse (G JV1)	Winsor	(A)	4:30
Lacrosse (G V)	Winsor	(A)	3:15
Lacrosse (G JV2)	DANA HALL	(H)	3:30

Tennis (B V)	ST. JOHN'S	(H)	3:30
Tennis (G VB)	NOBLE & GREENOUGH	(H)	3:30
Tennis (G JV)	BROOKS	(H)	3:00
Tennis (G V)	Noble & Greenough	(A)	3:00
Volleyball (B V)	CHELMSFORD	(H)	3:30
FRIDAY, MAY 14			
Lacrosse (G JV1)	MASCONOMET	(H)	3:45
SATURDAY, MAY 15			
Baseball (B JV1)	LOWELL VOCATIONAL HIGH	(H)	2:00
Baseball (B JV2)	BROOKS	(H)	1:30
Baseball (B V)	Tournament	(A)	9:00
Crew (B V)	N.M.H.	(A)	1:30
Crew (G V)	N.M.H.	(A)	1:30
Golf (V)	Exeter/GDA (Ports. CC)	(A)	2:00
Lacrosse (B JV1)	TABOR	(H)	1:00
Lacrosse (B JV2)	Proctor	(A)	1:00
Lacrosse (B V)	TABOR	(H)	1:00
Lacrosse (G V)	Tournament	(A)	10:30
Softball (G JV)	NORTH READING FRESH.	(H)	11:00
Softball (G V)	Tournament (Greenfield)	(A)	12:00
Tennis (B JV)	Cushing (JV)	(A)	2:30
Tennis (B V)	Tournament (Choate)	(A)	9:30
Tennis (B VB)	Cushing (V)	(A)	2:30
Tennis (G JV)	GOVERNOR DUMMER (4+2)	(H)	12:00
Tennis (G V)	THAYER	(H)	12:30
Tennis (G VB)	GOVERNOR DUMMER (4+2)	(H)	12:00
Track & Field (B V)	INTERSCHOLASTICS	(H)	10:00
Track & Field (G V)	INTERSCHOLASTICS	(H)	10:00
Volleyball (B V)	N.M.H.	(H)	1:00
SUNDAY, MAY 16			
Softball (G V)	Tournament (Greenfield)	(A)	12:00
WEDNESDAY, MAY 19			
Baseball (B JV1)	NO. READING HIGH SCHOOL	(H)	3:30
Baseball (B JV2)	GR. LAW. TECHNICAL HIGH	(H)	3:30
Lacrosse (B JV1)	PINKERTON ACADEMY	(H)	3:45
Lacrosse (B JV2)	PINKERTON ACADEMY	(H)	3:45
Lacrosse (B V)	Pinkerton Academy	(A)	5:00
Lacrosse (G JV1)	GROTON	(H)	4:15
Lacrosse (G JV2)	MILTON	(H)	3:30
Lacrosse (G V)	GROTON	(H)	3:15
Softball (G JV)	NORTH READING JV	(H)	3:30
Softball (G V)	NO. READING HIGH SCHOOL	(H)	3:30
Tennis (B JV)	Exeter	(A)	2:30
Tennis (B V)	Exeter	(A)	2:30
Tennis (B VB)	Exeter	(A)	2:30
Tennis (G JV)	EXETER	(H)	2:30
Tennis (G V)	EXETER	(H)	2:30
Tennis (G VB)	EXETER	(H)	2:30
THURSDAY, MAY 20			
Track & Field (B JV)	Andover High School	(A)	3:30
Track & Field (G JV)	Andover High School	(A)	3:30
FRIDAY, MAY 21			
Lacrosse (G V)	Exeter	(A)	7:00
Softball (G V)	ST. PAUL'S	(H)	4:00
Tennis (B JV)	Pingree (V)	(H)	3:45
SATURDAY, MAY 22			
Baseball (B JV1)	Exeter	(A)	2:00
Baseball (B V)	Exeter	(A)	2:00
Crew (B V)	Interscholastics	(A)	10:00
Crew (G V)	Interscholastics	(A)	B:00
Lacrosse (B JV1)	Exeter	(A)	2:30
Lacrosse (B V)	Exeter	(A)	3:00
Lacrosse (B V Alumni)	Alumni	(A)	11:00
Lacrosse (G JV1)	Exeter	(A)	2:30
Softball (G V)	Exeter	(A)	1:30
Tennis (B V)	Tournament	(A)	12:00
Tennis (G V)	NEPSAC	(A)	9:30
Track & Field (B JV)	Exeter	(A)	2:00
Track & Field (B V)	Exeter	(A)	2:00
Track & Field (G JV)	Exeter	(A)	2:00
Track & Field (G V)	Exeter	(A)	2:00

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BASEBALL

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Sat., April 3, 1999	(H)	Bridgton Scrimmage	4	4	
Mon., April 5, 1999	(H)	Haverhill High Scrimmage	17	2	
Sat., April 10, 1999	(A)	Wilbraham & Monson	13	6	
Wed., April 14, 1999	(H)	Cushing	14	1	
Sat., April 17, 1999	(A)	Worcester (DH)	8	7	
			19	1	
Wed., April 21, 1999	(H)	Harvard	4	0	
Sat., April 23, 1999	(H)	N.M.H.(DH)	4	1	
			4	2	
Wed., April 28, 1999	(H)	Wilbraham & Monson	5	6	
Sat., May 1, 1999	(H)	Exeter (DH)	7	12	
			3	2	
Wed., May 5, 1999	(A)	Cushing	12	8	
Sat., May 8, 1999	(A)	Deerfield (DH)	Canceled		
Wed., May 12, 1999	(H)	Tabor	5	0	
Sat., May 14, 1999	(A)	Tournament @ Holy Cross	10	2	N.M.H.
			0	8	Exeter
Sat., May 22, 1999	(A)	Exeter	1	5	

Repeat Championship Looks Possible for PG-Laden Baseball

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This past week the Andover baseball team started its season off with the form that has secured three NEPSAC championships in the past four years. In three scrimmages, Andover outscored its opponents 30-7. Last Saturday in its last at bat, the Big Blue rallied to tie Bridgton 4-4. Showing steady improvement from the spring's first practices and scrimmage, Andover dominated local foes Haverhill and North Andover. This year's team relies on a terrific defensive outfield, good starting pitching, and a balanced line-up to win games.

4/3/99

Returning from last year's championship team, captain Brett Farson '99, Matt Palmer '99, Ryan Gallagher '99, Geoff Bough '99, Mark Hordon '00, Mike Turner '00, Davis Thurber '00, and Mark Ottariano '00 have aspirations for another NEPSAC title. With a talented crop of PGs, including Pat Sheehan, Dave Dugan, Drew Gallagher and Aaron Ward, bolstering the team's line-up and a solid core of new underclassmen led by Jeff Heighington '00 and Fred Carleton '00 adding strength and depth, this year's squad has the components for a successful season.

Andover puts a fine defensive unit on the field and perhaps the team's greatest strength lies in its outfield defense. Andover's fast and experienced outfield of Sheehan, R. Gallagher, and Bough will swallow balls hit in the air, challenging opposing batters to hit ground balls and line drives for singles. Andover's outfield is extremely versatile as each outfield starter has primarily played centerfield in the past and each feels comfortable in all fields. This sterling outfield defense compliments Andover's talented but thin pitching staff. Anchoring this year's pitching staff is Mark Hordon, who

as one of New England's elite pitchers. Hordon changes speeds effectively, using his change-up to keep hitters off balance for his deadly fastball. Rounding out Andover's starting rotation, Matt Palmer, an experienced power pitcher, and Jeff Heighington, a masterful control pitcher, appear ready for winning seasons.

Andover's offense showed off some of its weapons in the preseason, scoring thirty runs in three scrimmages. Lead-off hitter Pat Sheehan keyed the Big Blue offense with his ability to reach base and his base running, while Farson, Hordon, Dugan, Turner, D. Gallagher, R Gallagher and Matt Palmer are expected to produce runs.

Bridgton

Last Saturday, Andover hosted a tough Bridgton team and, after trailing most of the game, managed a tie, scoring two runs in the home half of the seventh inning. Starting pitcher Matt Palmer ran into some trouble in the first inning. After dominating the first Bridgton batter, Palmer allowed a single, walked the next batter and then fell victim to an early season defensive miscue. First baseman Dave Dugan hurried his throw to second on a double play ball and the ball skipped into left field. One runner scored on Dugan's error and the next Bridgton batter singled in a run, making the score 2-0. After yielding the two quick unearned run a, Andover settled down. Sheehan led of the game with a walk, stole second and scored on D. Gallagher's two out RBI single. Another offensive bright spot for the Big Blue came in the third inning when Dugan belted a triple to right center field.

Andover, behind Palmer and Brandon Dickerson '00 quieted the Bridgton offense in the second and third innings but the gritty Bridgton pitcher held Andover's capable offense in check as well.

Bridgton jumped out to a 4-1 lead in the fourth inning by scrapping out

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Drew Gallagher '99 steps up to the plate against Bridgton Saturday

Baseball Blasts NAHS

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two runs on a walk, two infield singles and a sacrifice fly. Hordon pitched two shutout innings despite constant threats. The play of the game came in the top of the fifth inning with runners on second and third and two outs. Centerfielder Justin Yee '99 got an excellent jump on a sinking line drive and made a sensational diving catch to save two runs and a chance at winning the game.

In the sixth inning Andover fought back through the bitter cold and against Bridgton's stingy pitcher, scoring a run on Palmer's double. Mark Ottariano came in to pitch the final inning for Andover and retired three consecutive batters with his unorthodox motion. Trailing 4-2, Andover found itself down to its last out with D. Gallagher on second, Sheehan on first and Hordon up to bat. Sheehan, in the first preseason game of the season showed mid-season form on the base paths. Hordon lined the ball to right center for a single. D. Gallagher scored from second and Sheehan, running on contact with two outs, came home to tie the game. Scoring from first on a double is considered good base running, while scoring from first on a single, as Sheehan did, is practically unheard of.

After seven innings the game was tied at four. Instead of sending the game into extra innings, coach Cline and Bridgton's coach decided to call the game. Even though the game does not count, the late surge gave Andover a spark as the Big Blue headed into two final tune-ups against Haverhill and North Andover.

Haverhill

On Monday Andover hosted Haverhill and, from the game's outset, dominated the Hillies. Starting pitcher Jeff Heighington went three innings and retired all nine batters that he faced. Heighington threw strikes and changed speeds to keep the Haverhill batters off balance. Heighington struck out four batters and four other batters grounded out. Only once did Heighington allow the ball to leave the infield and even then Sheehan tracked down the well-hit shot to right center with relative ease.

Offensively, Andover scored at least once in every inning en route to a 17 run outburst. The highlight of Andover's offensive breakout came in the bottom of the third inning when Hordon blasted a two-run home run to left field.

Ted Jutras '01 and Aaron Ward split the final four innings of pitching, allowing only two runs. While the defense continued to shut down the inferior Hilly batters, Andover's offense exploded for six runs in the fifth inning and seven more runs in the sixth, stretching the Andover lead to 17-2.

North Andover

Last Wednesday the Big Blue traveled to North Andover High School to scrimmage the Scarlet Knights. Once again Andover proved that the local public high schools are no match for this year's Andover squad, defeating North Andover 9-1. Starting pitcher Matt Palmer cruised for the first five innings and combined with Hordon, who pitched the final two innings, to dominate the Scarlet Knight hitters. Andover utilized a balanced attack on offense to tally its nine runs.

After a successful preseason, the Andover baseball team brings momentum and confidence into the regular season. Whether Andover will match last season's 13-1 record and NEPSAC championship remains to be seen, but the team appears to have the defense, pitching and offense win an unprecedented fourth championship in five seasons.

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Captain Brett Farson '99 has played solidly as catcher this season.

Baseball Opens 1999 Season on a High Note

doubles.

Sheehan, Farson, and Mike Turner '00 contributed to Andover's five run second inning with RBI singles. The offensive attack continued in the third inning when Sheehan hit a solo home run, which fired up the Big Blue. Marc Hordon's fifth inning grand slam extended the Andover lead to 12-3, effectively putting the game away.

Meanwhile, PG pitcher Aaron Ward contained the pesky W&M hitters for 4 2/3 innings yielding 9 hits and six runs while striking out three and walking only one. Jeff Heighinton '00 pitched the final 2 1/3 innings and silenced the Wilbraham offense. Andover controlled the game for its entirety and displayed its potent offense with two loud home runs and consistently hard hit balls from all corners of the line up.

Cushing

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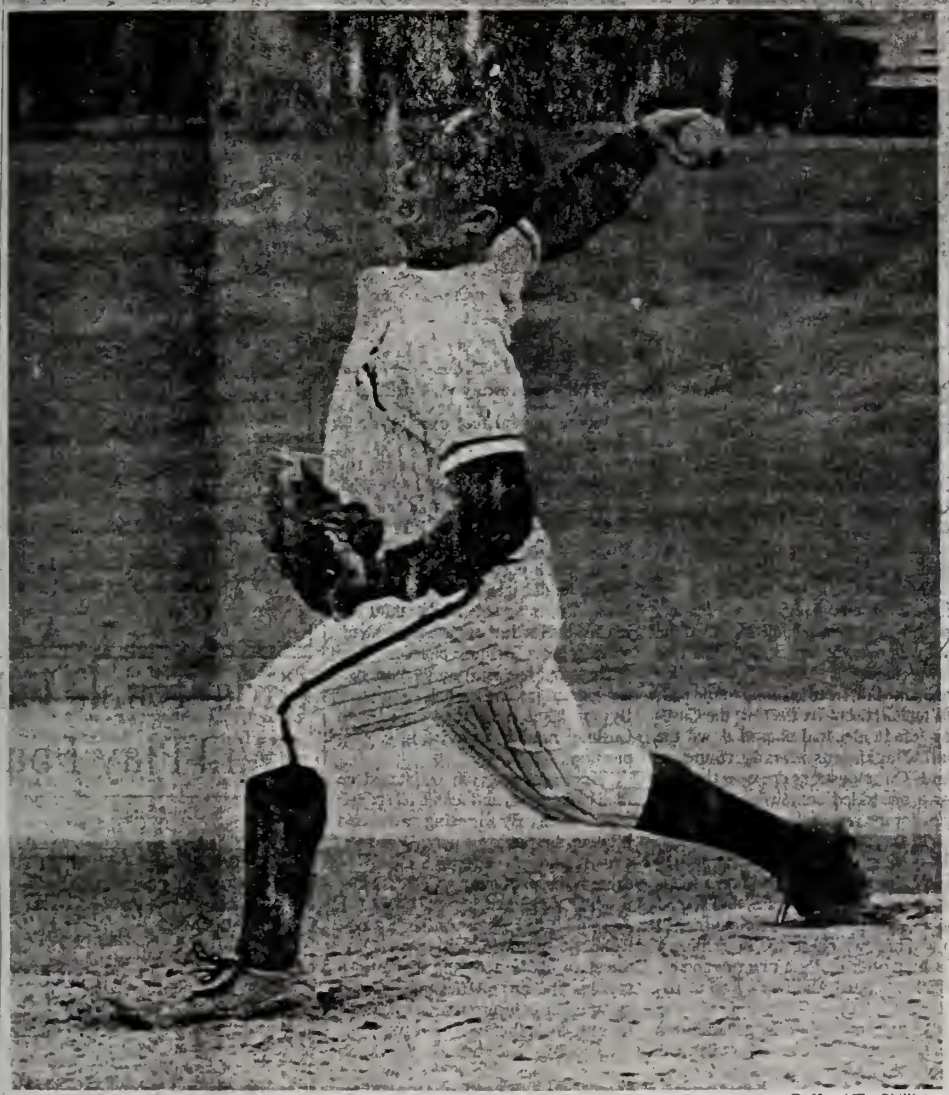

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HORDON HITS GRAND SLAM

PGs Sheehan, Dugan Also Contribute Homers

by Max Schorr
PHILLIPIAN EMERITUS

Andover	**14**
Cushing	**1**

Andover	**13**
Wilbraham & Monson	**7**

This past week the Andover baseball team started off its season with two strong performances, defeating Wilbraham & Monson 13-7 and Cushing 14-1. Slugging out 27 runs in two games, the Blue answered any questions about its offensive production. The Andover attack, led by Pat Sheehan '99, Marc Hordon '00 and Dave Dugan '99, who combined for five home runs, feasted on W&M and Cushing pitching. Although the Andover offense showed mid-season form, the team's defense succumbed to early season lapses at times, committing four errors against W&M and three more against Cushing. While Andover looked sharp last week, the team played inferior squads and does not face the league's top teams, Exeter, NMH and Deerfield, until later in the season.

W&M

Last Saturday, Andover traveled to Wilbraham, Massachusetts and opened its season with a lopsided 13-7 victory over Wilbraham & Monson. The Big Blue scored a run in the first inning as Pat Sheehan and captain Brett Farson '99 led off the game with back-to-back

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Baseball Opens 1999 Season on a High Note

TEAM COMBINES FOR 27 RUNS

Coach Cline's Team Strives to Repeat Championship

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Sheehan, Farson, and Mike Turner '00 contributed to Andover's five run second inning with RBI singles. The offensive attack continued in the third inning when Sheehan hit a solo home run, which fired up the Big Blue. Marc Hordon's fifth inning grand slam extended the Andover lead to 12-3, effectively putting the game away.

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Andover	4
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BASEBALL

The Andover baseball team had an up-and-down week, sweeping a doubleheader against Northfield-Mount Hermon on Saturday and losing its first game of the season to Wilbraham & Monson. Having cruised through the first half of the season with explosive offense and dominant performances, Andover played sloppy baseball and received a wake-up call from a Wilbraham & Monson it had already defeated 13-7 earlier in the year.

NMH Game One

On Saturday Andover and NMH came out for a doubleheader showdown between two of the elite NEPSAC squads. Despite several defensive lapses, Andover was able to sweep the visiting Hoggers 4-1 and 4-2, respectively. The Big Blue relied on excellent pitching and a steady offense to overtake NMH and improve its record to 8-0 on the season. Unfortunately, Andover's victories proved costly as Jeff Heighington '00 dislocated his left shoulder in the second inning of the second game.

The early innings of the game stayed deadlocked as neither side could manage a run. Andover finally claimed a 3-0 lead in the third inning when captain Brett Farson '99, with two outs, tripled down the left field line and Marc Hordon '00 followed with a monstrous clout to right center for a home run. Hordon's two-run homer was all of the offense Palmer needed as he went the distance for his third win of the season, allowing just one unearned run on two hits, while striking out nine Hoggers.

NMH's lone run came in the fourth inning on a defensive miscue. With two outs and runners on first and third, a series of rundowns ended with the runner from third scoring and the runner on first taking second. Andover held a slim 2-1 lead with NMH's tying run on second and one out left to make when centerfielder Pat Sheehan '99 made a fine diving catch on a soft line drive to shallow centerfield. The Hoggers' feeble tally would be their only score produced against the hard-throwing Palmer, who struck out the next five batters to protect the Blue's 2-1 lead.

More insurance came in the home half of the sixth inning. David Dugan '99 blasted a standup triple to rightfield, scoring Hordon, while Heighington cleaned up with a sacrifice fly to stretch Andover's lead to three at 4-1.

In the final inning, Geoff Bough '99, whom Coach Cline had sent into left field for defensive purposes, made a sensational diving catch to record the first out. From there Palmer had no problems retiring the side and securing the 4-1 win for the Blue.

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Baseball Falls to Wilbraham & Monson 5-6; Will Face Exeter in Doubleheader Tomorrow

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Athlete Of The Week

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—Captain Brett Farson '99

by Alan Ginsberg
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

After stellar performances in both Saturday's game against Wilbraham and Monson and Wednesday's contest with Cushing, varsity baseball pitcher and shortstop Marc Hordon '00 is this week's athlete of the week.

According to Marc, he has "been playing baseball forever." In actuality, Marc began playing at the age of six, when he joined a tee ball league. He continued playing tee ball and instructional baseball until the age of eight. At that point, he began playing with twelve-year-olds in the Major Leagues of Little League Baseball, and continued to do so until he was 13. Throughout his childhood, Marc also played town baseball in the Babe Ruth League.

Marc is currently a resident of Amherst, NH, and has lived in the area for his entire life, although he has moved eight or nine times.

When Marc was a freshman at Souhegan High School in Amherst, the football coach persuaded him to try out for the team. Previously, Marc had played many different positions, including wide receiver, outside linebacker, free safety, defensive end and middle linebacker, where he "liked the hitting."

He soon discovered that he had a natural talent for the quarterback position and thus decided to try to develop his skills there. In the spring of his freshman year, Marc made the varsity baseball team. At the end of his freshman season, however, Marc concluded that he wanted to be challenged more, especially with respect to academics but also athletically. According to Marc, New Hampshire athletics "aren't great." As a result, he came to Phillips Academy.

When Marc first arrived at Andover, he says he knew he could be a quarterback. Unfortunately for Marc, the football team already had Kyle O'Brien '98 as its established starter, so Marc spent a year on the bench as Kyle's backup. After the football season, Marc joined the junior varsity hockey team to stay in shape for his favorite sport, baseball.

In the spring of his lower year, Marc made the varsity baseball team. Although he did not play in the field, he was the team's number one pitcher. As a result, he pitched all seven innings of the Central New England Championship game. In that contest, he held Worcester Academy, the best hitting team in the league, to two runs and only two hits. Even more amazing is that both of Worcester's hits, as well as both of its runs, came in the first inning, meaning Marc pitched a no-hitter for the final six innings of the game.

His exploits throughout the year earned Marc the title of Central New England Prep School Baseball League All Star at the end of the season.

Not surprisingly, Marc spent the summer between his lower and upper years playing baseball. He was a member of the AAU New England Mariners, the hand-picked Junior Olympic team for New England. In addition, Marc was invited to Top 96, a showcase held in Lynn where college and professional scouts evaluate the top 96 high school baseball players in New England.

This fall, Marc returned to school and took over the starting quarterback position on the football team, leading the squad to an impressive 6-2 record. Teammate Josh Aisenberg '00 describes Marc's ability: "With Marc's strong arm and commanding presence, all that's left for us to do is run the routes and catch the ball." In the winter, Marc again played junior varsity hockey, using his considerable size to intimidate smaller opponents.

Although it is still early in the spring, Marc has already begun to show his dominance on the baseball diamond. Last Saturday, against Wilbraham and Monson, his grand slam propelled the team to a 13-7 win. Overall, he went 1-3 with a walk, lining out hard to third in one of his at-bats. Although Marc did not pitch in the game, he played shortstop, making several diving stops.

On Wednesday, Marc took the mound against Cushing Academy and promptly took over the game. In the five innings he pitched, Marc gave up a meager one unearned run, six hits, and just one walk while striking out nine Cushing batters. Not content with just dominating on the mound, Marc walked once and went 2-3 at the plate, including a single to right field and a towering home run that nearly reached the Cage.

Said teammate Davis Thurber '00 of Hordon's performance, "He pitched a great game. He works hard, which helps lead the team to success." Captain Brett Farson '99 agreed: "When Marc is on the mound, we know we'll only need to score a few runs to win the game."

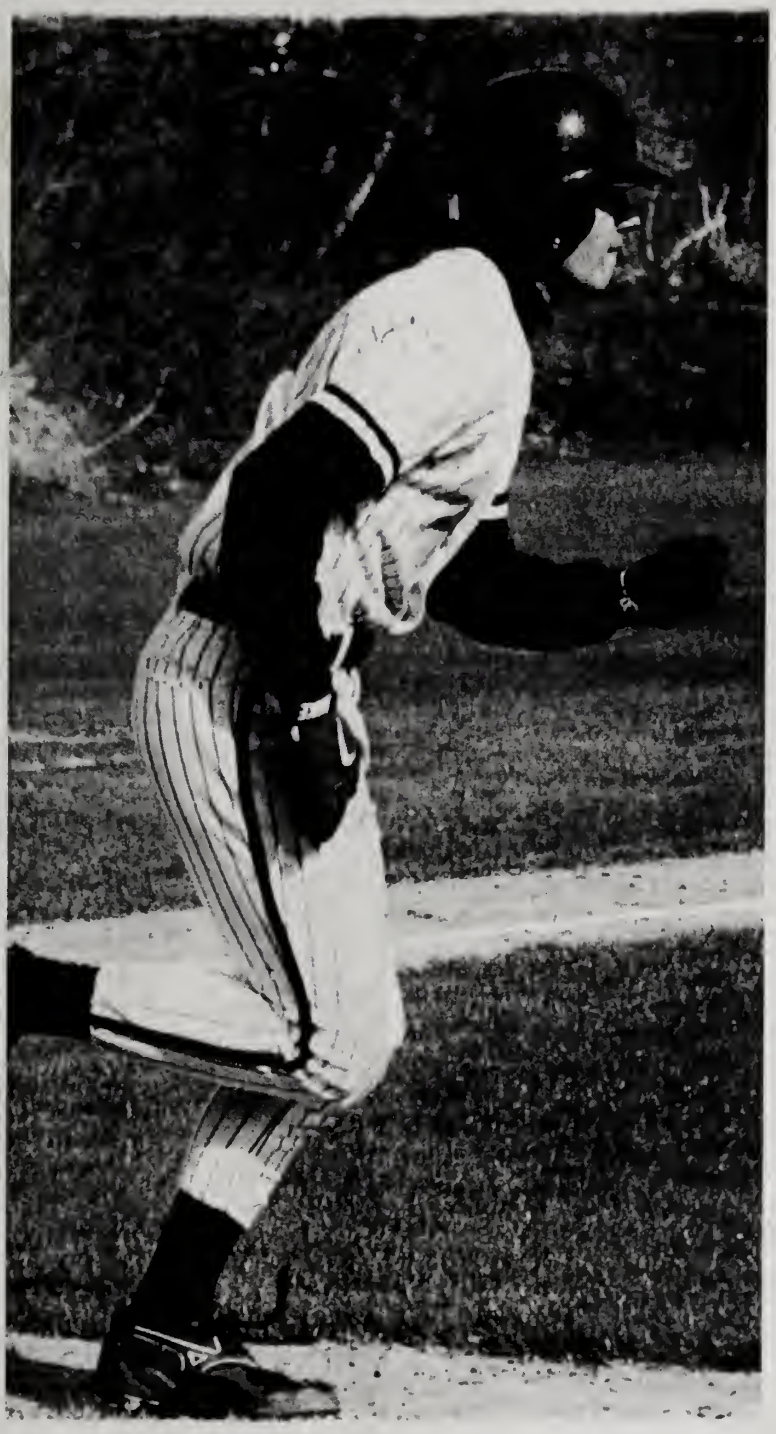
Marc is hopeful that the Big Blue will have a successful season this year, and cites the team's solid group of new players, better than expected pitching, and overall strength as the reasons for his optimism. His greatest excitement, however, comes from the fact that, as he puts it, "we can really swing the bat."

This coming summer, Marc will travel to Las Vegas to participate in a showcase where he will be evaluated by Division 1 baseball schools from the southwestern United States. He will also travel to Australia as a member of the Red Sox international scout team. There he will tour the country, playing in tournaments along the way.

Away from the athletic fields, Marc is a frequent and active participant in community service, where he enjoys working with kids and people with disabilities. Last summer, he and his father raised funds, built a basketball court, and reconstructed the baseball fields in Mount Vernon, NH, which is next to Amherst and, according to Marc, the best town in which he has lived. Marc has also participated in community service in Lawrence, reading to kids at a day care center in the city and helping out at the Boys and Girls Club on Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

In terms of college, Marc says that going to Stanford University has always been "like a dream" for him. In describing his attraction to the school, he cites its number four ranking in baseball and top-forty ranking in football. He also notes that the last three quarterbacks at Stanford were baseball pitchers, and that John Elway, while not a pitcher, also played baseball during his years at Stanford.

Whatever Marc does in the future, there is a good chance that baseball will be a part of it. "If there's anything in the world I love, it's baseball," he says. "It's my passion and my love." With that kind of determination, Marc will undoubtedly have success in this baseball season and many more to come.



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BASEBALL SQUAD STAYS UNBEATEN WITH THREE WINS

TEAM ADVANCES TO 6-0

PG Aaron Ward Pitches For Shutout Victory Over Harvard JV

by Charles Landow
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover	**8**
Worcester	**7**
Andover	**19**
Worcester	**1**
Andover	**4**
Harvard JV	**0**

This week Andover's varsity baseball team put on an offensive display, scoring 31 runs in its three wins. The Blue swept its doubleheader Saturday at Worcester and shut out Harvard JV at home on Wednesday. Andover pitchers threw complete games in each of the three wins. Seniors Matt Palmer and Aaron Ward pitched very effectively, with Ward blanking Harvard JV, while Upper Jeff Heighington went the distance, holding Worcester to 1 run. With such dominating pitching performances and plenty of runs to back them up, PA had no trouble improving its record to 6-0.

WORCESTER - GAME 1

The first match of Saturday's doubleheader was Andover's closest of the week. Although Palmer gave up nine hits and seven runs, he struck out thir-

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teen hitters and his offense backed him up enough to win the game.

The Blue's first offensive production came in the third inning, when leadoff hitter Pat Sheehan '99, the center fielder, walked with one out. Catcher and captain Brett Farson '99 then singled. After shortstop Marc Hordon '00 reached on a fielder's choice, cleanup hitter and first baseman David Dugan '99 laced a single to right field, driving Sheehan home. Hordon, having advanced to third on Dugan's hit, broke for the plate when Worchester's shortstop failed to call time-out. With this heads-up play, PA was up 2-1 after three innings.

After a scoreless fourth, Andover picked up another run in the fifth on Hordon's solo two-out home run. Worcester came right back, though, in its half of the inning when an error from Hordon at short, and a walk from Palmer, allowed the home team to tie the game at three.

Andover's bats sealed the team's victory in the sixth, effectively ending. Three straight hits opened the inning, from third baseman Mike Turner '00, Palmer, and right fielder Mark Ottariano '00. Left fielder Geoff Bough '99 then drove in a run when he was hit by a pitch. Finally, after Sheehan struck out and Farson reached on a walk, Hordon delivered the crushing blow with a two-out, three-run triple, putting Andover up by five, a lead that it would never relinquish.

Although Worcester scored a run in its half of the sixth, and three more in the seventh, Palmer held the home team in check with three strikeouts in the last inning. His accuracy, and the team's offensive power, drove PA to victory in the first game of the afternoon.

WORCESTER - GAME 2

The second game was no contest. From the first inning until the last, PA hitters smashed Worcester pitching, scoring nineteen runs on eighteen hits; Worcester's hitters accomplished the opposite against Andover's Heighington, managing just two hits and one run.

At the beginning of the game, PA's first four batters reached base, on three singles and a walk. Cleanup hitter Dugan drove home two runs with his base hit. After third baseman Turner struck out, Palmer reached on an error, and later scored after singles by Ryan Gallagher '99 and Davis Thurber '00. All told, Andover tallied five runs in the first frame, giving Heighington a solid lead.

He didn't need it. In the midst of 12 strikeouts, the PA pitcher kept Worcester frustrated all day. In the first, Worcester's third hitter reached on a fielder's choice, then stole second. But Heightington ended the inning by forcing the cleanup man to ground out to Hordon at shortstop.

Andover's hitting was more exciting. The Blue scored seven runs in the second inning, stretching its lead 12-0. The offense was then quiet until the sixth, when Sheehan's triple drove home Thurber, who had singled to lead off the inning. After Worcester scored its only run of the game in its half of the sixth, the Blue nailed down the win with six more in its last at-bat, making the lead 19-1.

HARVARD JV

Andover continued its solid play on Wednesday as it hosted Harvard's JV squad. While the Blue's hitting, consistently good but not flashy, gave him a cushion, PA's Ward kept the college batsmen in check on his own with a complete game shutout.

The first two inning proceeded quickly; neither team scored. But in the bottom of the third, Andover put its first run on the board. After Thurber went down looking, Bough hit a sinking liner to right center that bounced off the diving center fielder's glove, allowing the batter to take third in a head-first slide. Sheehan then drove him home on a ground ball to the shortstop.

After Heighington set Harvard down in the top of the fourth, Andover opened up its lead in the bottom half of the frame. Dugan bounced a single up the middle, then Turner flied out. Palmer reached on an error after Dugan advanced to second on a passed ball, then Gallagher smashed a double, scoring two runs. Finally, Thurber bunted a ball to the pitcher, who made an error on his throw to first, allowing another run to score. Bough and Sheehan then grounded out to end the inning.

That was all the runs PA would score, but it was all the Blue would need. Ward threw mostly strikes, keeping counts generally low, and forced the Harvard hitters into many fly ball outs. As the afternoon progressed, the visitors never mustered a run, and Andover rolled to its sixth victory of the year.

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Centerfielder Pat Sheehan '99, batting leadoff, has helped key the Blue offense to its impressive 6-0 start.

Baseball Drops First Game of Year; Sweeps Doubleheader Against NMH

by Max Schorr
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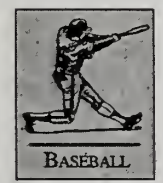
NMH	1
Andover	4
NMH	2
W&M	6
Andover	5



The Andover baseball team had an up-and-down week, sweeping a doubleheader against Northfield-Mount Hermon on Saturday and losing its first game of the season to Wilbraham & Monson. Having cruised through the first half of the season with explosive offense and dominant performances, Andover played sloppy baseball and received a wake-up call from a Wilbraham & Monson it had already defeated 13-7 earlier in the year.

NMH Game One

On Saturday Andover and NMH came out for a doubleheader showdown between two of the elite NEPSAC squads. Despite several defensive lapses, Andover was able to sweep the visiting Hoggers 4-1 and 4-2, respectively. The Big Blue relied on excellent pitching and a steady offense to overtake NMH and improve its record to 8-0 on the season. Unfortunately, Andover's victories proved costly as Jeff Heighington '00 dislocated his left shoulder in the second inning of the second game.

The early innings of the game stayed deadlocked as neither side could manage a run. Andover finally claimed a 3-0 lead in the third inning when captain Brett Farson '99, with two outs, tripled down the left field line and Marc Hordon '00 followed with a monstrous clout to right center for a home run. Hordon's two-run homer was all of the offense Palmer needed as he went the distance for his third win of the season, allowing just one unearned run on two hits, while striking out nine Hoggers.

NMH's lone run came in the fourth inning on a defensive miscue. With two outs and runners on first and third, a series of rundowns ended with the runner from third scoring and the runner on first taking second. Andover held a slim 2-1 lead with NMH's tying run on second and one out left to make when centerfielder Pat Sheehan '99 made a fine diving catch on a soft line drive to shallow centerfield. The Hoggers' feeble tally would be their only score produced against the hard-throwing Palmer, who struck out the next five batters to protect the Blue's 2-1 lead.

More insurance came in the home half of the sixth inning. David Dugan '99 blasted a standup triple to rightfield, scoring Hordon, while Heighington cleaned up with a sacrifice fly to stretch Andover's lead to three at 4-1.

In the final inning, Geoff Bough '99, whom Coach Cline had sent into left field for defensive purposes, made a sensational diving catch to record the first out. From there Palmer had no problems retiring the side and securing the 4-1 win for the Blue.

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Andover's pitching will be crucial in the upcoming weeks due to the loss of Heighington '00.

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AGAINST ARCH-NEMESIS EXETER 2-12, 3-2

BASEBALL SPLITS FIERCE DOUBLEHEADER

A hundred and twenty one years ago Andover and Exeter faced each other for the first time in athletics on the baseball diamond. The game marked the beginning of the oldest continuous independent school rivalry in the country. The rivals split their two-game set that first year with an 11-1 Exeter victory in the first game and later in the season a 10-8 Andover win. In last Saturdays' split double-header, history repeated itself.

Before last Saturday's game, Coach Andy Cline led a ceremony paying tribute to Joseph Wennik '52 for his fifty years of contribution to Andover Baseball, from his time as a player to coach to athletic director to alumni affairs director. Wennik, a four-year starter in three sports at Andover, threw out the first pitch to current captain Brett Farson '99. In his senior year, as captain, Wennik spearheaded Andover's six-run rally to come from behind and defeat Exeter by driving in the winning run.

This year Andover and Exeter are the top two teams in NEPSAC baseball, and last Saturday both teams went with their top two pitchers. Still, after a long afternoon of play, little had been resolved under cloudless, high skies. Despite Exeter's overall edge the teams proved to be an even match. These games were not the pinnacle of this year's Andover-Exeter rivalry but simply the groundwork- the familiarity that breeds contempt when two well-known rivals mix it up. These games serve as a preamble to a more decisive match-up to come on the final day of this season.

In the first game, Exeter made the most of its opportunities, scoring eight runs with two outs and three more on a bases-loaded triple en route to a 12-7 win. However Andover squared the afternoon off with a 3-2 extra-inning victory in the second game.

Game 1

Early on, both pitchers controlled the game. Matt Palmer '99, coming into the game with a record of 3-0, started the game for Andover. Exeter's pitcher was very impressive as well, featuring several different release points, clever changing of speeds, and good movement on his pitches.

With two outs in the second inning, Exeter rallied, stringing together four consecutive singles to score two runs, and break the scoreless tie. Palmer then unleashed a wild pitch, and walked the next two batters to give Exeter a 3-0 lead and load the bases. With six consecutive batters having reached base, three runs having scored, and Exeter threatening for more, Palmer forced Exeter's cleanup hitter to bounce a soft grounder back to the mound.

On offense Andover could not manage much off Exeter's crafty pitcher—scattering just three singles in the first five innings and failing to score. Meanwhile, Exeter stretched its lead to seven in the fourth inning. After an intentional walk loaded the bases, Exeter's cleanup hitter belted the first pitch to the gap in left-center field for a base-clearing triple, and he scored from third on a ground out to cap off Exeter's four-run fourth inning.

The onslaught continued in the top of the sixth inning as Exeter scored five runs, four of which came with two outs, to stretch the score to 12-0. However, Palmer ended the inning with a key strikeout that reversed the momentum. And showing its first signs of life, the Andover offense erupted for seven runs in the sixth, sending fourteen batters to the plate. But the score stayed at 12-2, and the game ended.

Game 2

The second game of the doubleheader provided more excitement than the first. Pitcher Marc Hordon '00 outdueled his Exeter counterpart Shapiro

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by Max Schorr
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Exeter	12
Andover	7
Andover	3
Exeter	2

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'99 to lead Andover to a 3-2 victory in extra innings. The second game's pitching showcased two of the best starting pitchers in New England. Hordon has been nothing short of masterful all season. A year ago, Shapiro, Exeter's post-graduate pitcher out of Swampscott High, handed number-one St. John's Prep its only two losses of the season, shutting out the explosive squad twice in as many outings.

In the first inning Andover had a chance to blow the game open. Pat Sheehan '99 led off with a clean line drive single to right field and promptly stole second base. The next pitch was a wild one, which enabled Sheehan to score from second, giving Andover a 1-0 lead. Shapiro continued to struggle, walking Farson, Hordon, and Dave Dugan '99.

With the bases loaded and nobody out, Andover had an opportunity to support Hordon well. Instead, the Blue attack faltered as Shapiro regained control, retiring the next three batters and stranding three in the process. Andover scored again in the second inning. With one out, Geoff Bough '99 singled, stole second base, and scored on a double by Sheehan.

Meanwhile, Hordon coasted, allowing no runs and just two hits in the first five innings. In the sixth frame, however, a leadoff walk proved costly when a two-out single drove in a run and cut Andover's lead to 2-1. Even though Hordon struck out the first three batters in the seventh, Exeter managed to score a run as the first strikeout victim reached first on the errant third strike. Then a wild pitch moved the runner into scoring position. With two outs in the last inning, Hordon faced Exeter's top hitter Sam Fuld '00 in a classic match up. This time, Fuld had the upper hand, as he drove the ball down the right field line for a two-out game-tying double. Once again, Exeter had struck with two outs, and the game, which Andover had controlled up to this point, was deadlocked.

When Andover went down quietly in the home half of the seventh, the game headed to extra innings. In the eighth inning Hordon sandwiched a ground out between two overpowering strikeouts to set down Exeter in order. But disorder prevailed in the bottom of the eighth. Ryan Gallagher '99 worked his way through an eight-pitch at bat for a leadoff walk. Then, as a wild fastball from Shapiro made its way to the backstop, Gallagher took second. With the winning run on second base, Palmer laid down a sacrifice bunt. Shapiro fielded and threw to third but Andover's Gallagher, hustling hard, beat out the close play.

With runners on first and third and no outs, Andover needed only one run to win the game. Davis Thurber '00 grounded the ball sharply to third and Gallagher, a victim of the quick play, found himself caught in a rundown between third and home. However, Gallagher used his athleticism to stay in the rundown long enough for Palmer and Thurber to advance to second and third. Exeter walked Bough intentionally to load the bases, setting up a force play at any base and the possibility of a double play. Sheehan, who figured in Andover's first two runs, came up to the plate. With the game on the line, Andover tried the suicide squeeze. Twice Palmer broke for home, and twice Sheehan fouled off his bunt attempts. With chaos prevailing in the inning Shapiro unleashed a wild pitch to bring home Andover's decisive run.

Fans went home sunburned after spring's sunniest day yet. The perfect day ended in a split bill. The rivals had gotten acquainted, and set the stage for matches later in the season. In all of this, another alumnus of the Andover-Exeter rivalry, Angelo Bartlett Giamatti '56 might have said, "How slight and fragile are the circumstances that exalt one group of human beings over another."

Claims Second Game 3-2 In Extra Innings

Mike Turner '00 ices their win against a tough Exeter squad.

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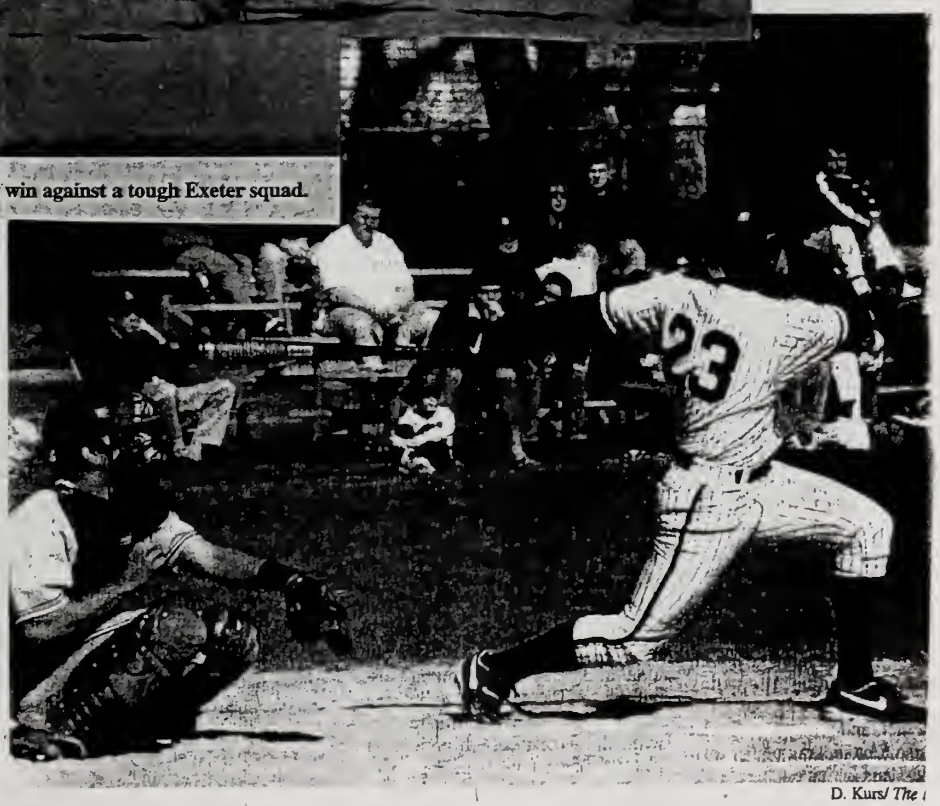

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Mark Ottariano '00 loops a single to centerfield.

Baseball Defeats NMH in Semis; Loses to Exeter Red in NE Finals

by Max Schorr
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover	10
NMH	2
Exeter	8
Andover	0

Last Saturday the Andover baseball team traveled to Holy Cross in Worcester, Mass. to compete in the New England Preparatory School Athletic Conference (NEPSAC) baseball tournament. The day was long and bright, and up and down for the team, coaches and spectators. The one-day single-elimination tournament included the four top NEPSAC teams, #1 Exeter, #2 Andover, #3 Northfield-Mount Hermon (NMH), and #4 Deerfield. The format was simple: the team which won two games would win the championship. With that in mind, the four teams rolled across Interstate-290 and up to the big hill with more hope than equipment. Returning champion Andover picked up where it left off in last year's tournament by beating Northfield Mount Hermon 10-2 in the first game of the day. Assured of a spot in the finals, Andover waited out the Exeter-Deerfield game to play the winner. Sure enough, Exeter defeated Deerfield 9-1, and the two top seeded teams, Andover and Exeter, who happen to be rivals, were fated to meet again, with the championship on the line. But on this fine afternoon, the gods of Baseball frowned as Exeter controlled the game from the early innings and held on to win 8-0.

Game One NMH

In what Coach Tom McGraw called the team's "best offensive performance of the season," Andover jumped out in front early and never looked back, beating a flat Northfield squad by the score of 10-2. Pitcher Matt Palmer '99 dominated the Hogger lineup, allowing just three hits in six innings and recording ten strikeouts, while Captain Brett Farson '99 and Mark Hordon '00 led the way for Andover's offense. Andover played a clean, efficient game against NMH to secure a spot in the championship game. Palmer surrendered just one hit in the first five innings, and Andover wasted no time scoring three runs in the first inning. Pat Sheehan '99 drilled the leadoff triple; Farson followed with a double; Hordon then contributed a run-scoring single.

Starting other offensive rallies for Andover, Davis Thurber chipped in with two leadoff hits. Andover's offense worked to get favorable counts, and executed with runners on base to make the score 9-0 after five innings.

Palmer, who claimed, "I didn't have my best stuff," had good enough stuff and more specifically, good enough control and pop on his fastball to paralyze the NMH attack. The only two Northfield runs came in the sixth inning on a hit batsman and two consecutive hits.

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The baseball team will look to redeem itself in Saturday's rematch against Exeter.

However, Andover delivered the knockout blow in the bottom of the sixth inning. Dave Dugan '99 drove a rising line drive into the right center field gap for an inside-the-park home run. Though Dugan's clout charted home run distance, he made it an interesting journey. Rounding third, Dugan ran out of gas. Regardless, he scored to give Andover a 10-2 lead. Brandon Dickerson '00 pitched the final inning, setting down three batters in order to close out the game.

Coaches Cline and Sturges, always models of sportsmanship, got everyone in the game, giving underclassmen Fred Carleton '00, Dickerson, Ted

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Clash of the Titans: #2 Baseball Falls to Top-Ranked Exeter 8-0

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Jutris '01, and Mark Ottariano '00 experience in tournament play.

Game Two: Exeter

As Destiny had it, Exeter knocked off Deerfield, and the league's top two teams and two fiercest rivals, Andover and Exeter, faced each other in the championship game. In a rematch of Andover's extra-inning 3-2 victory over Exeter earlier in the season, Hordon and Brian Shapiro PEA '99, the top two pitchers in the league, took the mound. Shapiro silenced the hot Andover bats, while Exeter capitalized on all of its opportunities to score five runs in the first inning, one in the second and two more in the fourth en route to a decisive 8-0 victory.

Hordon ran into trouble in the first inning, walking Exeter's lead-off hitter Ryan Coleman PEA '99, and the Andover defense gave little help as the next batter reached on a soft grounder to third. A turning point in the game came with runners on first and second with none out. Sam Fuld PEA '00, the league's top hitter, drove the ball to deep left-center field. Geoff Bough '99, a fine defensive left fielder, got a great jump on the ball and used his speed to track the ball back to the wall. But the ball narrowly escaped Bough's mitt, and Fuld had himself a two-run triple.

Bough's effort was nothing short of spectacular, but only a few inches or a drop of super glue might have changed the complexion of the game. Exeter fed off of this momentum, Shapiro followed with a loud single up the middle, and back-to-back doubles extended Exeter's lead to 5-0.

Meanwhile, Shapiro baffled Andover hitters with his hard, rising fastball, his sharp, moving slider, and deceptive change-up. Also, Shapiro effectively mixed up his pitches and controlled the plate so that Andover managed just two singles for the whole game: a Baltimore chop infield single by Mark Ottariano that bounced over the pitcher's mound and stopped short of second base, and a soft, two-strike, opposite-field single by Hordon. Andover hit the ball hard only two times throughout the entire game, and both of these were outs. In the third inning, Mike Turner '00 crushed the ball to deep center, a 400-foot shot, which Fuld sprinted back for and effortlessly caught. In the sixth inning, Mark Hordon drove the ball deep to right field, but the right fielder, positioned well, hustled back to make the catch.

All game long the same culprits, the first four batters in Exeter's lineup, nagged the Blue. Ryan Coleman, Exeter's leadoff hitter, drew walks to lead off the first, second, and fourth innings, and he scored each time. Fuld hit the ball hard every time, and Alan Skelly PEA '99 and Shapiro chipped in with timely hits. Exeter's key performers, Coleman, Fuld, Shapiro, and Skelly took on a new shape from the top of the football bleachers, high up and deep in right field. The four of them resembled the crows that were at this moment swooping in vicious cycles at a perched, dignified hawk. Finally, the swooping crows forced the hawk to fly over the field, and simultaneously, the Exeter team recorded the game's final out and converged on the field. The day belonged to the mobbing crows from the swamplands of costal New Hampshire, 8-0. But next Saturday at Exeter, the last day of the season, one more game is to be played. And so, next Saturday, when the season concludes, the fierce rivalry continues, and nothing less than Andover's pride is at stake.

BASEBALL FINISHES SECOND

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by Max Schorr
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Last Saturday in New Hampshire's swamplands, the Andover Baseball Team closed out, but on that day the swamps belonged to Exeter. Rounding out the season, Andover's three losses to Exeter were the only low points of the season. The frustration felt on Saturday at Exeter by the Andover baseball team rebounded to the track, located behind home plate, where foul balls targeted runners and created havoc. Although the season ended in disappointment, the team has enjoyed much success this season.

Over the last five years in which Andover has played in four league championship games and won three of them, Coach Cline has turned the Andover baseball team into one of the premiere clubs in New England. This year's dynamic team was no exception. Compiling an impressive record of 12-4 and taking second in the league tournament, Andover's players, a mix of 8 returnees and 8 newcomers, came together well.

Andover began its preseason on just several days of practice by rallying in its last at bat to tie Bridgeton 4-4. From there, Andover gained momentum in its final two pre-season scrimmages, routing local foes Haverhill High 17-2 and North Andover High 9-1. Andover's offense led by the consistent production of the first four hitters in its line up, Pat Sheehan '99, Captain Brett Farson '99, Marc Hordon '00, and Dave Dugan '99, continued to terrorize opposing pitchers, scoring 54 runs in the first four games of the season.

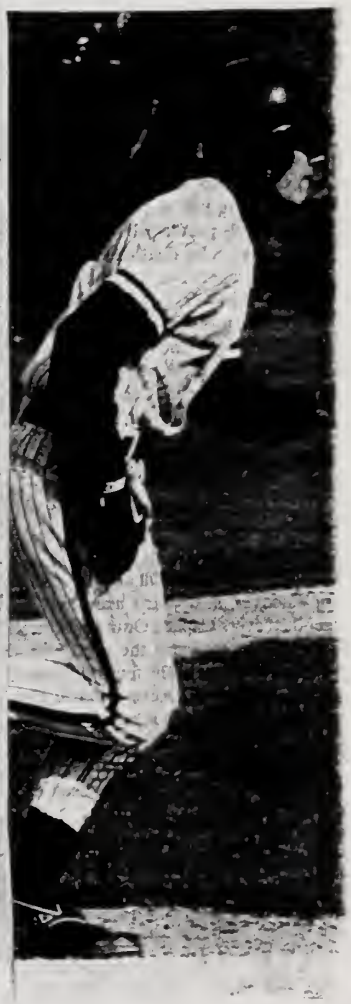
Having relied upon the sterling pitching of Matt Palmer '99, and Mark Hordon '00, Andover found another capable pitcher in a game against Harvard's JV team. Aaron Ward '99 performed tremendously against the Crimson, pitching a complete game shutout in the 4-0 Andover win.

Andover swept a double header with Northfield-Mount Hermon behind dominating pitching performances from Palmer and Hordon. The Blue remained undefeated at 7-0.

The first letdown for Andover came on the following Wednesday, however, as a gritty Wilbraham & Monson squad edged the Blue 6-5. Andover split a double header with Exeter before beating Cushing and Tabor to secure a second seed in the league tournament with an 11-2 record.

In the semifinals of the tournament, Andover played its best game of the season, executing on offense and playing steady defense behind the terrific pitching of Palmer. Meanwhile Exeter won its semifinal game to pave the way for an Andover-Exeter final. But on this fine afternoon at Holy Cross, the gods of baseball frowned upon the Blue as Exeter controlled the game from the early innings and held on to win 8-0.

And so a great season came to a disappointing end. The graduation of Brett Farson, Geoff Bough, Dave Dugan, Ryan Gallagher, Drew Gallagher (no relation), Matt Palmer, Pat Sheehan, and Aaron Ward will create a new challenge for returnees, Fred Carleton '00, Brandon Dickerson '00, Jeff Heighington '00, Marc Hordon '00, Davis Thurber '00, Mike Turner '00 and Ted Jutras '01, and will change the face of Andover's lineup. This group of returnees is a very solid core of pitchers and infielders and with a few key newcomers, Andover will be right back where it has been for the last five years: an elite team competing for a championship.



SPORT: Crew - Boys

YEAR: 1998 - 1999

CAPTAIN: Patrick Gaughen
HOME ADDRESS:

MANAGER:
HOME ADDRESS:

COACH: Peter Washburn
ASSISTANT COACHES:

SEASON RECORD

1st boat 4th; 2nd dnp; 3rd-5th at Interschols

WON_____LOST_____TIED_____

5th @ Interschols

Crew - BV
ACCOMANDO, JUSTIN P.
CODY, MICHAEL R.
COTTON, ANDREW W.
DIETZ, CARL F.
FEENY, ERIC C.
FILLIPON, RYAN L.
FOSS, MICHAEL C.
GAUGHEN, PATRICK R.
GREEN, ADAM H.
KIMBALL, GREGORY W.
LOH, JEFFREY T.
McGOWAN, MICHAEL F.
McKALLAGAT, CHRISTOPHER
RISTEEN, NICHOLAS M.
SHERMAN, GREGORY I.
SHIH, SAMANTHA M-Y.
WASHBURN, HUNTER D.
WASHBURN, SPENCER B.

BOY'S CREW

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Sat., April 10	Kent	1st - Kent 2nd - Kent 3rd - Kent	
Sat., April 17	St. John's/Simsbury/Exeter	1st - 1 2nd - 5 3rd - 4	
Sat., May 1	St. Paul's	1st - 2nd 2nd - 2nd 3rd - 2nd	
Sat., May 8	Tabor/Exeter	1st - 1 2nd - 3 3rd - 2 4th - 2	
Sat., May 15	N.M.H.	Won	
Sat., May 22	Interschols	1st - 4 2nd - dnp 3rd - 5th	

BOYS' CREW LOOK FORWARD, SEEK SUCCESSFUL YEAR

FIRST RACE THIS WEEKEND

Breakout Season Could Be On The Horizon For Young Team

by Greg Sherman
& Spencer Washburn
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITERS

With the first race of the season fast approaching, men's varsity crew is quickly putting together boat line-ups and getting as much time on the water as possible. After two weeks, the first two boats have been roughly set, and each boat is becoming stronger and more race ready by the day.

Having graduated five seniors from last year's first boat, many thought that the success of this years season was in jeopardy. However Coach Washburn has managed to set up a fast boat in only a few days, drawing from previous members of the second boat. This year, returning first boat stroke Hunter Washburn '00 will again take his spot at the stern of the boat. Behind him is Mike "Twinkle-Toes" Cody '99, Spencer Washburn '01, Chris "Tofer" McKallagat '00, Carl Dietz '00, Captain Patrick Gaughen '99, Mike "Big Country" McGowan '99, and the reliable bow man, Justin "Anaconda" Accomando '99. Once again attempting to cox B1 to victory this year is Samantha Shih '99. Said Coach Washburn, "I'm very pleased with the progress we've made so far, and this boat is shaping to be one of the best in recent years."

Also looking forward to a good season this year is the second varsity boat, which holds a mixture of youth and experience. As Coach Wray tinkers with the lineup, the rowers in contention for the coveted seats continue to improve. As of Wednesday the boat lineup includes seniors Nick Risteen '99, Mike "Boss Man" Foss '99, Andy Cotton '99, Jeff "Lowrider" Loh '99, and weathered coxswain Ryan Fillipon '99. With Greg Sherman '01, Eric Feeny '01, Greg Kimball '01, and Adam Green '01, the varsity boats will be stocked with talented rowers for years to come.

This Saturday is the annual Andover-Kent race with the possession of the illustrious Dent Oars on the line, as well as pride. Although Kent trains for two weeks in Florida during our spring break, the varsity men's crew team has high hopes to overcome the training deficit and perform well away at Kent.

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Boys' Crew Drops Season Opener to Kent; Faces Exeter, Simsbury, St. John's Tomorrow

by Greg Sherman and Spencer Washburn
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Coming off a solid week of practices, the boy's crew team traveled to Kent last Saturday. Both the first and second boats lost their races, but their strong early season showing bodes well for the remaining weeks .

With a light tailwind and flat water, the conditions were ideal for a race day. Right at the start, the Andover boat jumped out to a half a length lead over Kent, and exploited this advantage using the inside of the first turn. However, during the body of the race, Kent's two weeks of spring break training clearly showed, as Kent moved up to overtake the second boat. Despite a strong sprint, the second boat finished four seconds behind, with a time of 4:58.5.

At the end of the day, the Blue's first boat battled it out with Kent for the coveted Dent Oars. With a strong start, Andover moved up to a two seat lead, but gradually lost the advantage during the body of the race. With 500 meters to go, Andover was down by 3/4 of a length, but using a well timed push the Blue managed to again gain a two seat lead on the Kent boat. But in the final sprint, Kent pulled out a victory by .8 seconds.

Despite the loss of both races, Andover performed admirably against a team with such a strong training advantage. Coach Washburn said, "It was a great moral victory. For the Kent rowers know that without a strong win here, they would have little chance of beating us at Interschols."

Kent boys 3rd eight- 5:15.12 over Andover 3rd-5:34.72

Kent boys 2nd eight- 4:54.22 over Andover 2nd- 4:58.63

Kent boys 1st eight- 4:41.14 over Andover 1st- 4:41.96

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RESURGENT BOYS' CREW TRIUMPHS OVER EXETER

CONVINCINGLY WINS NEW ENGLAND REGATTA

First Boat Speeds Past Six Rivals Including Traditional League Powers Exeter and Tabor

by Greg Sherman and Pat Gaughen
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITERS

After dropping a close season-opener against rival Kent School, the boys' crew team headed to Lake Qunisigamond in Worcester and earned its first win of the year. Attending the regatta were six schools: Exeter, Tabor, St. John's, Simsbury High School, Northfield Mount Hermon, and Andover.

The caliber of racing among these crews has proven over past years to be some of the highest in the league. Featuring Exeter, last year's New England Interscholastic Rowing Association (NEIRA) champions, and Tabor, the 1997 NEIRA champion, this race was a strong indicator of the speed of these top crews.

After a strong week of practice, the boys' first boat approached the starting line with confidence and focus. Having drawn the first lane, Andover had a slight advantage, as its proximity to the shore offered protection from the wind. Due to inclement conditions, the floating start was delayed as the race organizers struggled to align the boats evenly. When the boats were finally aligned and the rain and wind had subsided, impatient organizers began the countdown to the start.

Exeter and Tabor jumped out to a quick three-seat lead right off the start. As the boats surged back and forth, jockeying for position, Andover began to bear down and make up the difference. A move after 400 meters pushed Andover into the lead. Tied with Tabor and possessing a four-seat advantage over Exeter, Andover continued to push, opening leads on both crews. With 750 meters gone, Exeter was slowed by a rough stroke and Andover took advantage of the opportunity, moving out to a one-length lead. Tabor had fallen slightly, dropping 3/4 of a boat-length behind Andover. At this point in the race, it was clear the three other crews were no longer serious contenders. Somewhat surprising, however, was that Andover never faced another serious challenge from either the Exeter or the Tabor crew. Although Exeter did manage to close to within one length in the last 500 meters, a smooth and strong Andover boat sprinted to the finish, holding on to its one-length lead.

Andover oarsman and Captain Patrick Gaughen '99 commented on the race afterwards: "Every one of those boats has the potential for championship speed, but, unfortunately for Exeter and Tabor, today was our day."

Varsity coach Peter Washburn commented "Good job" in his customary stoic fashion, characterizing a tremendous victory over traditional rowing powerhouses Exeter and Tabor.

The boys' second boat, feeling strong after a solid week of practice uninterrupted by seat changes, entered Worcester with high hopes. After a brief warm-up, the second boat settled in for the start in the sixth lane, giving it a slight disadvantage on the windy racecourse. After a few minutes of adjusting the alignment of the boats, the organizers began the countdown to the start.

Off to a strong start, the second

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Boys' Varsity Crew Wins Regatta

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The Boys' Crew first boat strikes a pose following a first place finish at Saturday's Quinsigamond Regatta.

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boat surged down the racecourse but quickly fell behind as it failed to settle its stroke rating to an acceptable pace for the 1500 meter race. Although the boat left NMH in its wake, so did the other four crews as they barreled down the race course, gradually gaining seats and then open water on Andover. Simsbury proved to be the only crew within striking distance for an Andover push, and the second boat slowly strove forward, inching up on the Simsbury crew. Despite a spirited sprint, however, the second boat only managed to close a few more seats, finishing six seconds behind Simsbury for fifth place.

After the race, fourth seat Gregory Sherman '01 noted, "The race felt technically good, with good set, but we just need to apply more power." Although disappointed by its fifth place finish, the second boat returned to practice eager to work hard during the two week stretch before its race against St. Paul's.

BOYS CREW BEATS EXETER & TABOR

by Greg Sherman
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

After losing to St. Paul's, the first seeded team in the league, Andover looked forward to redeeming itself against Exeter and Tabor in a tri-meet at home on the Merrimack River. Although Andover had previously beaten these two crews at the Worcester Regatta, the speed of the Exeter and Tabor teams could have changed dramatically in the past three weeks. This race would also be important because it would have a strong influence on the final seeding for the New England Interscholastic Rowing Association Championships, which will be held in one week.

The disappointing two second loss to St. Paul's last Saturday supplied the motivation that the boys' first boat needed to enter another week of hard practices. Without the disruptions in training suffered before St. Paul's, the first boat felt confident heading into the race. As Coach Peter Washburn said, "The boat set a new standard for itself on the first practice following St. Paul's." The boat hoped to carry that newfound speed into Saturday's race.

The conditions on race day, while less then perfect, provided an acceptably fair course, with a mild head wind and overcast skies. Although unsettled by a patch of rough water, all three crews flew off the line for a powerful start. The crews remained even going through the 500 meter mark, however Exeter quickly found itself unable to maintain the high pace set by Andover. In the middle 500 meter, Tabor and Andover traded the lead several times, with Andover moving out to a two seat lead entering the last 500 meter. Both crews continued to put distance between their boats and Exeter. During the last 500 meter, Andover proved the tougher of the two crews as it continued to move away from Tabor. At the finish, Andover crossed the line two and a half seconds ahead of Tabor. A noticeably fatigued Exeter finished a full nine seconds behind Andover.

Captain Patrick Gaughen '99 commented afterwards, "We knew we needed a big win this weekend against Exeter and Tabor, and that's what we put together. Between now and Interschols we need to bear down and find more boat speed. We have to catch St. Paul's."

Also losing to St. Paul's last week, Andover's second boat once again dug into the third boat in search of a faster crew. After a few days of seat racing, the second boat finished out the week of practices with what it had determined to be the faster crew. Eager to help its seeding at Interschols, the boat hoped to win to secure a better position at Worcester next week.

Feeling motivated by a pre-race talk with Coach Wray, the second boat settled into the starting line ready to row. Off the start, Andover, Tabor and Exeter each pushed out to a powerful first 500 meter. Hindered by problems with the set of the boat, Andover struggled to apply the power necessary to keep pace with the traditionally stronger crews of Tabor and Exeter. During the middle 500 meters, both Exeter and Tabor moved out to a half-length, and then a boat length lead over Andover, disheartening the Andover crew. However, the crew still pulled hard until the last stroke, finishing nine seconds behind first place Exeter.

This loss ushered in another week of seat racing and lineup changes, as the second boat struggles to make up the nine second difference between itself and St. Paul's. Nonetheless, the crew remains optimistic, for it knows that a whole season of losses can be overturned by a strong finish at Interscholastics'.

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SPORT: Crew - Girls

YEAR: 1998 - 1999

CAPTAIN: Morgan Madera
HOME ADDRESS:

MANAGER:
HOME ADDRESS:

COACH: Kathryn Lucier
ASSISTANT COACHES:

SEASON RECORD

WON_____LOST_____TIED_____

Crew - GV
ANDERSON, ELIZABETH G.
BARTLETT, KATHERINE M.
BLITZER, MARGARET C.
COFFEY, CLAIRE M.
GHORMLEY, ELIZABETH A.
GLENN, ELIZABETH L.
LANGER, HILARY H.
LARSON, KATHARINE
LASATER, ELIZABETH F.
LEPORE, SARA E.
LOCKS, SABRINA A.
MADERA, MORGAN J.
MAXWELL, SARAH R.
SAMSON, CARLEIGH C.
SCHOEN, JESSICA L.
STEPHENS, JULIA A.
THORNTON, EMILY R.
WIEHE, KRISTIN E.

GIRL'S CREW

Sat., April 10	Kent	1st - lost 2nd - lost 3rd - lost
Sat., April 17	Simsbury/Exeter	1st - 2nd 2nd - 2nd 3rd - 2nd
Sat., May 1	St. Paul's	1st - 1st 2nd - 2nd 3rd - 2nd
Sat., May 8	Tabor/Exeter	1st - 2nd 2nd - 2nd 3rd - 2md 4th - 2nd
Sat.May 15	N.M.H.	Won
Sat., May 22	Interschols	1st - 2nd 2nd - 2nd 3rd - 3rd

Girls' Crew Team Looks to Repeat Championship Season
Coffey, Madera, Schoen Return to Lead Girls to Victory

by Biz Ghormley
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

GIRLS' CREW

The past week has been an exciting one for the girls' crew, which has started the spring off with lots of experience and potential for a strong season. The crews have been on the water since last Wednesday and for such a short amount of time together, they are doing quite well. This weekend the top three crews will travel to Kent to race.

Last week was spent gearing up for training in mixed boats, but after intense 2000 meter tests on the ergs this past Saturday, Head Coach Kathryn Lucier was able to select the first and second boats that will race at Kent this weekend. The first boat is coxed by Lily Greenfield-Sanders '99 and stroked by captain Morgan Madera '99. She is followed by Biz Ghormley '00, Emily Thornton '01, Claire Coffey '99, Jess Schoen '99, Liz Anderson '00, Sarah Maxwell '02, and Liz Glenn '99. Though the season is just beginning and the girls have a lot of work to look forward to before Interschols, the crew has rowed well together thus far and shown strength as a team in the face of a few technical difficulties on Tuesday.

The second boat is also looking good. A younger crew than the first boat, it is coxed by Kristy Wiehe '99. Stroke Liz Lasater '01 is new to the position but has been practicing all week and doing well. Also in the second boat are Kate Larson '00, Kate Bartlett '01, Sabrina Locks '01, Kerryn O'Connor '01, Carlie Samson '00, Sophie Cowan '01, and Hilary Langer '01. Though the boat has had a few problems with its balance in the last week of practice, it is a strong crew and has been practicing hard for Kent and the upcoming season

Kent's crew has been training together for about four weeks now. Save a few exceptions, traditionally this first race of the season has gone to Kent, but Andover traditionally has flown by them at Interschols in May. Though the Blue is looking strong for the amount of time it has been on the water this year, it will be racing at a slower stroke rating than Kent this weekend which puts it at a disadvantage. Though the squad will be rowing fewer strokes per minute, however, the crews have been focusing well on their power and stroke technique and are aiming to rowing the race strongly and technically well.

The Andover team is filled with experience this year. Only six of the fifty girls out rowing this season have never rowed before. The team is also in good physical shape and is very motivated. The crews have a lot of work ahead of them, but with the base of strength, motivation, and experience beneath them, the girls look to be a promising team with exciting potential.

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The girls' crew hopes that it can recapture the success enjoyed by last year's boat, pictured here.

Kent Sinks Girls' Crew

by Biz Ghormley
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Saturday's races at Kent were very exciting for the first two boats. Though both boats lost, their races, they rowed incredibly well for their first race of the season especially since their opponents had been practicing together for almost a month prior to the race.

Though skies were gray when the crews left early Saturday morning, the weather was beautiful at Kent, providing a light tail wind and a fast current for the one mile race on the winding Housatonic River. The second boat jumped strongly off to a five-stroke start and the Kent crew pulled up on them, due to their high rating at 36 strokes per minute. The Andover crew, however proved their strength as they held Kent with no more than a four seat lead for the remainder of the race with the stroke rating set by stroke Liz Lasater '01 at a steady 28 strokes per minute. Towards the end of the race, the Kent crew started to lose strength and with the help of a few power tens, Andover pulled up on Kent. In the end, the Kent crew pulled across the finish line only three seconds before the Big Blue with no more than a three seat lead.

The first boat race was very similar to the second boat race. Coming off the line with a strong start and five strokes at a 32 stroke rating, the Andover and Kent crews were neck in neck. After they settle to 28 strokes per minute, Andover's crew stayed steady and powerful. The Kent crew took their rating up to 34 strokes per minute and took half a boat length on Andover. The Blue held strong, though, taking a power ten at the half-mile mark that brought the girls around in the outside lane of a turn. The ten was so powerful that the girls brought the spread between the two boats down to only two seats. The second half of the race was just as powerful, but in the end the higher stroke rating brought Kent across the line four seconds before Andover. Both boats were very satisfied with their rows, saying they felt "powerful and connected."

This week the girls are preparing for a regatta in Worcester on Lake Quinnsigamond against Exeter, NMH, Simsbury, and Tabor. With the goal of setting the boats for maximum speed and with the return of Sarah LePore '99 — out last week due to a knee injury — the girls were back in mixed boats at the beginning of the week and even did some seat racing on Tuesday.

This week's line-ups are looking forward to racing at Worcester, the site of May's Interscholastic Champi-onships, andare particularly looking forward to going up against the Big Red. The race should be a challenging one with strong crews coming from all the schools, but the girls are determined to get serious this weekend and focus on pulling hard and rowing technically well as they have been practicing technique more and more in the past week. The season is still young, but the girls are getting motivated and are looking better every day.

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Girls' Crew, pictured above, was hampered by fluctuating headwinds.

Girls' Crew Falls Victim to Exeter, Inclement Weather in Traditional Quinsigamond Regatta

by Biz Ghormley
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Last Saturday's races at Lake Quinnsigamond in Worcester proved to be a challenge for the girls crew, as Andover placed second to Exeter in all of the races. The grey weather and fluctuating head wind were not helpful for the crews who faced Exeter, Simsbury, NMH, and Tabor.

Though disappointed by their losses to the Big Red, Andover rowers returned this week with a strong focus on improving their speed and technique in preparation for their race against St Paul's next weekend, and their rematch against Exeter and Tabor the following weekend.

The second boat race began with a five stroke start and 10 high strokes at a fast rating between 34 and 36 strokes per minute. The start proved effective as it brought the Andover boat slightly up on the other crews, with the exception of Exeter who started the race up on all crews. The girls then settled to 30 strokes per minute for the remainder of the race. Approaching the 500 meter mark, the blue took twenty power strokes to ìmake a moveî on the other crews. Though they stayed down on Exeter, the Andover boat did move up on the other crews, taking seats on Tabor, NMH, and Simsbury. The rest of their race they stayed strong, gradually opening their gap with the other crews up to a spread of open water. Unfortunately for our crew, however, Exeter also remained strong and finished the race with about one boat length on Andover.

The first boat race was also a challenging race. The crews were started very abruptly and without warning which flustered them a bit, but did not have much effect. The blue took a five stroke start and ten high strokes between a 36 and a 38 stroke rating. The start pulled them up on Tabor, NMH, and Simsbury, but not on Exeter. Andover then settled to 30 strokes per minute and rowed there for the remainder of the race. Exeter settled with two seats up on Andover to about 34 strokes per minute and kept this lead throughout the race. At the 500 meter mark, the Andover crew took twenty power strokes with the goal to move up on Exeter, but was not able to do so. During the middle 500 meters of the race, Exeter really began to move on the Andover crew, and the blue did not respond to their move. By their power ten at the 1000 meter mark the Andover crew was continuing to lose seats to Exeter. Andover sprinted the last 250 meters of the race, but was still unable to move on Exeter, ending the race nine seconds after Exeter.

Though disappointed by their losses to Exeter this weekend, the girls have also returned after our long weekend with motivation to increase their strength, technique, and speed for their upcoming races. The girls have no race this weekend and have used this week for intense workouts with a lot of focus on power, technique, and mental toughness to prepare for the upcoming races. They also pulled 2000 meter pieces this week, showing once again with a large number of the scores below eight minutes, that the team is very strong. Hopefully, the girls will be able to channel their strength and bring up their speed against St. Paul's and Exeter in the near future.

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Girls' Crew Defeats Defending New England Champion St. Paul's; Loses Narrowly to Tabor

by Biz Ghormley
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

GIRLS CREW

The past two weeks have brought intense competition to the Andover boathouse. Two weeks ago, the Blue faced St. Paul's, last year's G1 New England Champions, at its home race course. The G1 race was a thrilling victory for Andover, while the G2 boat was narrowly defeated by a half-second.. Changes in the line-ups before the race brought new strength to the team. In G1, Kristy Wiehe '99 moved in as the coxswain, Emily Thornton '01 moved to the stroke seat, and Morgan Madera '99 took the six seat. In G2, Julie Stephens '00 coxed and Meg Blitzer '01 came up from G3 to the two seat. In contrast to the victory of two weeks ago, last weekend's races against Exeter and Tabor left both boats in second place to Exeter.

The first boat race brought together two very strong teams, making for a very exciting race. Andover jumped off the starting line with a five stroke start and fifteen high strokes at an approximately 39 strokes per minute rating. Fueled by adrenaline and the intense desire to win, the girls used this high rating to pull their coxswain even with the two seat of SPS, giving Andover a lead of over half a boat length. They settled to a higher rating than planned for the base of their piece, holding steady around 35 strokes per minute. Taking ten strokes for power at the 500 meter mark, the girls fought hard to keep their lead over the strong SPS boat. Though not in their own race plan, the Andover girls chose to take another ten at the 750 meter mark in response to St. Paul's move. All the St. Paul's crews had walked past the Andover boats at the dock, and the first boat was determined not to fall into the pattern. Keeping their lead, the Andover girls took their last planned power ten at the 1000 meter mark and held their lead. St. Paul's began their sprint much earlier than Andover had anticipated, however, and started to move on the Blue right after the 1000 meter mark. Taking five seats in only a few strokes, they threatened the lead Andover had held up until that point, forcing the blue to begin their sprint early. The Blue took up the rating two beats for ten strokes, and then rowed the remainder of the race as high as they could go while maintaining power. The lead went back and forth between the crews during the last 250 meters of the race and ended with Andover's 0.4 second victory over St. Paul's.

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The Girls Crew rows on the Merrimack River.

The second boat race against St. Paul's lacked the strength necessary for victory. From the get-go St. Paul's was able to pull ahead by half a length. After settling to around 33 strokes per minute, the girls maintained high intensity for the first 500 meters, culminating with their strongest power ten of the piece at the 500 meter mark. The ten closed water between the two boats, hut Andover was unable to pull up on St. Paul's. As they neared the dock and the halfway mark of 750 meters, St. Paul's moved up one length and Andover did not respond. Their ten at the 1000 meter mark did not move them up at all, and the last 500 meters of the piece lacked intensity. Andover sprinted at a 35 rating for the last 25 strokes, but did not move on SPS.

Last Saturday, Exeter and Tabor came to Andover's course on the Merrimack. In contrast to the beautiful conditions they had experienced against St. Paul's, Saturday's looming rain clouds and strong head wind challenged all crews. G2 found special difficulty in the wind and rowed with

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Girls' Crew Prepares to Face NMH Tomorrow As It Looks Toward New England Interschols

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lenged all crews. G2 found special difficulty in the wind and rowed with poor technique. The race was a struggle for the girls who were not rowing together off the line. During the first 500 meters, Andover pulled up two seats on Tabor and took an early power ten to try to pull themselves together. Straying from their race plan, they took another ten after the 500 meter mark. During the middle 500 meters, the girls pulled through Tabor and attempted to pull up on the Exeter crew who already had open water on Andover. The crew spent the remainder of the race trying to catch up to Exeter. They finished 12 seconds behind the girls in red and beat Tabor with open water.

The G1 race was also lost to Exeter. The Andover girls strayed from their race plan with a series of response tens and a rating two beats above where they had been training. The blue came off the line with a strong start but were two seats behind Exeter. A disappointing settle left the girls rowing the base of their piece at 36 strokes per minute. They took tens at about 400 meters down and the 500 meter mark which brought them up on Tabor and held them close to Exeter. At the 750, the girls took twenty power strokes followed closely by another power ten. The combination of the high stroke rating, bad conditions, poor set, and the frantic feeling in the boat took its toll in the final 500 meters. The Exeter crew, composed and strong in the conditions, pulled through the Andover boat despite their 30 stroke sprint that went above 39 strokes per minute.

This weekend the girls are travelling to NMH for their last race before Interschols. Their losses to Exeter this past weekend have motivated intense metal and physical training as they head into the final weeks of their season. Though the NMH crews have been consistently weak in the past, they are looking strong this year and Andover is looking forward to competitive races as they prepare for next week's New England Championships.

Jess Schoen

by Alan Ginsberg
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS ASSOCIATE

As a four-year member of the Girls' Varsity Water Polo, Swimming, and Crew teams, a captain of both water polo and swimming, and the school record holder in the 100 butterfly, Jess Schoen '99 is clearly deserving of the title, "Athlete of the Year".

Jess hails from Andover, Massachusetts, where she has lived her entire life with her parents and older brother, a senior at Cornell University. She began her illustrious swimming career at the age of two, when she joined a summer swimming team. At the age of eight years old, Jess joined the Andover/North Andover Y. M. C. A. and, when she was twelve years old, Jess became a member of the Merrimack Valley Pirates. As a member of both the Pirates and the "Y," Jess has earned most improved swimmer and most valuable performer honors. During her swimming career, she has also qualified for, and competed in, Seniors Championships, as well as in many other meets.

During Jess' eighth grade year, her parents suggested that she apply to Phillips Academy. She did, and was accepted. However, Jess knew that, if she came to Phillips Academy, she would not be able to swim all year round, as she had for many years, so she agonized over the decision. In the end, though, the fact that Phillips Academy "seemed like an incredible place" to Jess won out, and she decided to matriculate.

As a freshman, Jess knew girls on the water polo team that swam for Pirates. They told her that she could get in shape and have a good time by playing water polo, so she tried out for the team and made it, the only freshman to do so. During the season, she studied the game, watching the older girls to improve her play. When, at the end of the season, the team won the New England championship, Jess saw it as an "awesome start to [her] athletics at Andover." After the squad's victory in New Englands, it competed in Easterns, placing second.

The summer after her freshman year, Jess attended the Navy Water Polo Camp and improved her skills. When she came back to school in the fall, Jess became a starter on the team that eventually defended its New England Championship. At Easterns that year, the team finished third, and Jess was named a Second Team All-Eastern selection.

During her upper year, Jess was a proud member of the strongest water polo team she has played on at Phillips Academy. The team again won the New England championships and went to Easterns. There, the team took third place and Jess was selected a First Team All-Eastern performer. As a result of her stellar play and effort throughout the season, Jess was elected captain for her senior year.

This year, Jess was one of only three seniors on the team and the only returning starter. Contributing to the team's lack of experience was the fact that there was a new coach as well. Thus, the entire team looked to Jess to lead the squad, and she did not disappoint. Against a very strong Deerfield team, Jess nearly single-handedly brought the team back from behind to tie the game with two goals in the closing minutes. Then, at New Englands, Jess led the team to a third place finish and was named a First Team All-New England selection. Due to her superior efforts throughout the year, Jess was named the team's most valuable player at the end of the season.

In terms of swimming, Jess is again a four-year varsity team member, the only one in her class. She calls the squad of her upper year the strongest team she has been on because it had "so much depth and everybody got along." The team went undefeated during the season and tied for first (with Exeter) at New Englands. During the season, Jess set the school record in the 100 butterfly with a time of 1:00.89 and was, along with Kate Connors '98, Caitlin Murphy '98, and Sydney Freas '01, a member of the record-setting 200 medley relay team. Because of her consistently stellar performance throughout the year, Jess was elected captain at the end of the season.

Amazingly, Jess swam even better her senior season than she had her upper year. In what she described as a great meet against Deerfield, she, Freas, Kerryn O'Connor '01, and Meg Blitzer '01 set a pool record in the 200 freestyle relay with a time of 1:41.65. That same meet, Jess won both the 100 meter butterfly, in 1:01.27, and the 200 meter individual medley, in 2:17.17. Finally, she, Sarah Ferranti '01, Devin Murphy '01, and Emily Keifer '99 placed second in the 200-meter medley relay. Then, in a two point loss to Exeter that came down to the final relay, Jess took first in the 100 butterfly with a time of 1:00.32, breaking her own school record, and placed second in the 200 individual medley with a time of 2:17.55. She, Blitzer, Murphy, and Freas won the 200 free relay, and Jess, Ferranti, Jessica Heilweil '01, and Keifer placed second in the 200-medley relay. At the end of the season, Jess was voted the team's most valuable performer for her efforts throughout the season.

In the spring, Jess rows for the Girls' Varsity Crew team. She was first introduced to the sport during her freshman year when the junior varsity swimming coach, who was also the crew coach, convinced her to try out for the team. Jess did, and made the second boat to become the only freshman on the varsity squad. The following year, she moved up to the first boat. As an upper, Jess began the season in the first boat, but soon injured her back, causing her to miss three weeks of the season. As a result, when she returned from her injury, she rowed for the second boat at Interschols, leading the boat to a New England championship. That year, Andover also won the team trophy for its success during the season.

As a senior, Jess helped the team to a victory over St. Paul's, the defending and eventual New England champions. Then, at New Englands, the team defeated Exeter, avenging two regular season losses, en route to a second place finish. Biz Ghormley '00 described Jess' value to the crew team: "The thing about Jess is she's really spirited. She's a really intense competitor and when it's time to race, she's always ready to compete, but she's also very supportive and always ready to give you a hug when you need one."

In speaking about her athletic career at Andover, Jess begins by thanking all her coaches and all the girls with whom she has played, especially the older ones. "The older girls help so much to really bring you into the sports," Jess comments, explaining how she looked to the older members of the varsity teams she played on as a freshman for leadership. Finally, Jess describes how she has treasured her sports career at Phillips Academy. "Out of everything at Andover," she says, "I'll remember my athletic experiences most."

Out of the water, Jess did community service in ARC as a lower and as an upper and, during the summer, works as a lifeguard and swim instructor at Brooks School Day Camp. Next year, she will attend Brown and play water polo, a sport which she describes as her biggest success here, as it is a "nice change from swimming because it is a more involved game." Playing at Brown will be a challenge, as girls water polo just became a varsity sport there last year, but, in compiling its first-ever water polo recruiting class, Brown could not have chosen a better aquatic athlete.

SPORT: Cycling

YEAR: 1998 - 1999

CAPTAIN: Christopher Hedges & Tara Soraghan
HOME ADDRESS:

MANAGER:
HOME ADDRESS:

COACH: Derek Williams
ASSISTANT COACHES:

SEASON RECORD

WON_____LOST_____TIED_____

No team score

Cycling - Team
HEDGES, CHRISTOPHER J.
SIGULER, G. WILLIAM, Jr.
SMITH, NICHOLAS R.
SORAGHAN, TARA A.
SULLIVAN, DANFORTH B.
WATSON, JESSICA S.

CYCLING

Sun., April 11, 1999	(A)	Rhode Island
Sun., April 18, 1999	(A)	Bish. Hendricken (Warwick)
Wed., April 21, 1999	(A)	Putney
Sun., April 25, 1999	(A)	Gould (Bethel, ME)
Wed., April 28, 1999	(A)	Holderness Plymouth NH
Sun., May 2, 1999	(H)	Boys: A 2nd
		B 2nd
		C --
		Girls: 2nd
Wed., May 12, 1999	(A)	Proctor (Loudon, NH)

Cycling Hosts Only Home Race

D. Kurs/ *The Phillipian*

Athlete of the Week Kris Hedges '99 finished first among Andover racers and fourth overall in last Saturday's home race vs. a strong Holderness team. Jess Watson '01 led the girls with a close second place finish.

Kris Hedges '99

"[Kris is having] an incredible season, going up against a lot of tough competition...he is consistently the team's best rider." --Teammate Nick Smith '99

by Alan Ginsberg
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

In the middle of having what cycling teammate Nick Smith '99 refers to as "just an incredible season, going up against a lot of tough competition" and "consistently being [the team's] best rider", Kris Hedges '99, the captain of the boys' cycling team, is undoubtedly deserving of this week's Athlete of the Week honor.

Kris has lived all his life in Hamilton Parish, Bermuda. There, as a child, he swam and ran quite often. Attempting to combine these skills, Kris competed in his first triathlon at the age of ten. He continued competing in triathlons until he was about fifteen, at which point he concluded that cycling was the sport in which he really wanted to participate. It was a decision that he has never regretted, commenting, "I'm pleased that I'm doing cycling. There's more future for cycling in the [United] States [than for other sports he has done]."

After what, in the United States, would have been his sophomore year in high school, Kris decided he wanted to go to a school where he could cycle more often and against better competition. His older brother had gone to England to do so, but he had stopped cycling, leading Kris to avoid England at all costs. Thus, Kris looked to the United States. He saw that Phillips Academy had a school team and decided to matriculate, entering as a new upper.

Last summer, Kris cycled both as a member of the New England Cycling Support Association (NECSA) and for his home country. As a category three rider, Kris raced against professionals and category one, two, three, four, and five riders, with category five being the lowest.

In June, he went to the Bermuda National Championships and won both the road race and the time trial. Later, he traveled to Venezuela to participate in the Caribbean and Central American Games. There, he placed eleventh in the time trial and finished with the pack in the road race, a result that qualified him for the Commonwealth Games, to be held in August in Malaysia.

At the Commonwealth Games, Kris suffered from some bad luck, crashing on the first lap going up a climb when a fellow rider was bumped and lost his balance, swerving into Kris' path and causing Kris to flip over his handlebars. Not seriously injured, Kris and a teammate from Bermuda caught back up to the pack, but the effort they expended in doing so prohibited them from placing as well as they would have liked.

This year, Kris' first out of juniors, as a category two rider, Kris has raced mainly against professional and category one and two riders. Kris won Andover's first race of the season, at Bishop Hendricken in Ninegret, Rhode Island, providing him with a good start to the season. Then, Kris and the rest of the team traveled to Proctor Academy in New Hampshire. There, Kris was not feeling too well. Nonetheless, he placed second in the long breakaway to Providence Day's T. J. Vallis, Kris' friend and teammate from NECSA.

After his bad luck at Proctor, Kris hoped to have a strong showing at the team's next race, at Gould, in Maine. Unfortunately, the day before the race, Kris had participated in a United States Cycling Federation (UCSF) race in

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Rhode Island. During the race, he lost his water bottle, causing his legs to cramp and eventually forcing him to drop out of the race. Thus, Kris was tired when he began the Gould race, and the flat front tire he incurred during the race did not help his condition. Luckily, there was a support vehicle following him that helped him change his tire and, despite the less-than-ideal circumstances, catch up to the leaders, ultimately finish second to a rider from Holderness.

For Andover's fourth race of the season, Kris and the squad went north to cycling powerhouse Holderness. There, as part of a four man breakaway, Kris suffered a flat rear tire. In the absence of a support vehicle, Kris had no way to fix the problem. Refusing to give up, however, he pedaled the six miles to the finish on a flat tire, completing what Smith calls "a heroic feat" by holding off the pack to finish fourth.

This past Saturday, Kris competed in a USCF race at Jiminy Peak in western Massachusetts, just south of Williamstown. There, Kris completed a four lap race, totaling eighty miles, with a large climb at the end of each lap. Competing against professional and category one and two riders, Kris began the race well. Unfortunately, he got off a little too early on a climb during the last lap, allowing the pack to catch him near the finish. Nonetheless, Kris was "just pleased to hang in there."

Still suffering the effects of his grueling performance the day before, Kris led the team in its home race this past Sunday.

The format for the race was slightly different than usual, with a team time trial determining the staggered starting order for the race. Andover finished second to Holderness in the time trial; as a result, Holderness began the race with a ten second head start on the Andover riders and a twenty second head start on the pack.

Unfortunately for Kris, he and Smith are Phillips Academy's only "A" riders, while Holderness has three who work well together. Because, as Kris says, "drafting and team tactics play a large role" in cycling, Kris was unable to narrow the Holderness lead to less than six seconds and finished fourth.

On Wednesday, Kris went to Boxford to participate in a weekly time trial. There, he won with an average speed of 25.6 miles per hour. Kris and his teammates have one more race this season, the Lakes Region Championship, to be held on Wednesday. Unfortunately, the Andover cycling team is young this year, making it a transition year for the squad. Despite this inexperience, Kris would like to see the "B" riders challenge for a victory and the "A" riders compete strongly against Holderness.

In November, Kris is planning to compete for Bermuda in the World B Championships in Uruguay. At these championships, held every two years for countries with populations of less than three million, the top seven finisher's automatically qualify for the Olympics. Judging from a Bermuda rider's fourth place finish two years ago, Kris believes he has an outside chance at the top seven.

This summer, Kris will participate in both the five day Fitchburg Stage Race and the Bermuda National Championships in June. Later, he will compete in the Killington Stage Race. At the end of the summer, Kris will prepare for his entrance into Johns Hopkins University, where he plans to continue his cycling career.

Despite the nearly twenty hours each week he spends cycling, Kris is glad that he chose to begin riding, saying, "It takes up a lot of time, but it's a life." Teammate Smith agrees that it was the right choice: "Kris is not only built for the sport, but he has the perfect mental makeup for it, too." Clearly, with complements like this one not infrequent, Kris is bound to succeed in cycling for many years to come.

SPORT: Golf

YEAR: 1998 - 1999

CAPTAIN: Noah Orenstein
HOME ADDRESS:

MANAGER:
HOME ADDRESS:

COACH: Frank Hannah
ASSISTANT COACHES:

SEASON RECORD

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AHAMED, AZEEM A.
FAULK, BRIAN D.
GOLDHIRSH, BENJAMIN A.
LEE, JEEHAE
O'NEILL, JEREMIAH C., Jr
ORENSTEIN, NOAH P.
RAMSEY, ROBERT E.
ROSENHECK, GREGORY P.
SHEA, JAMES L., Jr.
ST.PETER, MITCHELL G.

GOLF

			PA	OPP
Sat., April 3, 1999	(A)	Tabor (Kittansett, CC)	4	8
Wed., April 7, 1999	(H)	Exeter/GDA (Trullbrook)	412	417 Ex., 457 GD
Thurs., April 8, 1999	(H)	Belmont Hill (Hillview)	3	5
Wed., April 14, 1999	(H)	Holderness (Trullbrook)	10	2
Thurs., April 15, 1999	(A)	Middlesex/B.B&N (Conc. CC)	3.5	3.5 Middlesex
			6	1 B.B&N
Wed., April 21, 1999	(A)	Milton(Presidents)/B.B&N	1	6 Milton
			4.5	2.5 B.B&N
Wed., April 28, 1999	(A)	St. Mark's (St. Mark's)	5	3
Sat., May 1, 1999	(H)	Tilton	Canceled	
Wed., May 5, 1999	(A)	Thayer(Braintree)/B.B&N	3	4 Thayer
			3	4 B.B&N
Sat., May 8, 1999	(A)	GDA/Exeter	272	257 PEA; 286GDA
Wed., May 12, 1999	(H)	Rivers(Far Corners)	9	3
Sat., May 15, 1999	(A)	Exeter/GDA (Ports. CC)	504	503 Ex., 542 GDA

Know Your PA Golfers:
Eight Duffers Tee it Up

by Ben Goldhirsh and Jimbo Shea
GOLF ASSISTANT-CAPTAINS

As warm weather returns to Phillips Academy, the Andover golf team looks to rebound after several disappointing seasons.

Despite the loss of Stanford bound Ned Yetten '98, the team is returning a solid core of starters. Hopefully new head coach and out-going Flagstaff Dean Frank Hannah can mix his new talent with his old.

On Saturday, the PA team went to the cape to battle Tabor. It was a much calmer day than last year, but Andover still came away with a loss. PA took four points out of a possible twelve.

On Wednesday, PA hosted the first part of a three part match with Exeter and GDA. This competition is made up of a stroke play component and a match play component. The match is tied at three and a half, and Andover leads the stroke competition by six.

In order to get a better look at the team, we have included an in-depth look at the starting eight.

Of course, this line-up is apt to change, but this is the line-up coach Hannah used against Tabor.

1. Brian Faulk (U)- The plucky Andover resident has emerged from under Ned Yetten's '98 shadow. Will he be able to lead the team to glory? He is a particularly strong putter, but questions have been raised about his mental toughness.

2. Jeremiah O'Neill (L) - Also known as "The Kid," this lower is ready to step up this year. Sometimes called a streaky player, his success is vital to the team. So far this year he has halved his matches against both Tabor and Exeter.

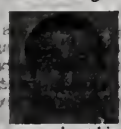
3. Noah Orenstein (S)- This year's captain is the spiritual leader of the team. Wherever a junior is feeling down, wherever a lumber is unranked, wherever a joke is unlaughed at, he is there. He also has red hair.

4. Rob Ramsey (S)- This PG golf recruit adds size to the Phillips Academy, and is a big plus for the team. His ability to hit the longball and his grooved swing make for a golfer with a lot of potential. Look for Rob to move up on the team and make a big impact.

5. Greg Rosenheck (S)- Still burning from the taunting of Ned Yetten '98 and Ben Goldhirsh '99, Rosenheck has come out with a vengeance. He has shed both his old jacket and his old putting style to impress Mr. Hannah and assure himself a spot on the starting rotation.

6. Mitchell St. Peter (J)- This freshman phenom is relatively unknown on campus, but his golfing skills have earned him a place on the team. The long trek from Bertha Bailey house have made this junior a tough golfer. He went down to his Tabor opponent, and didn't play against Exeter. Hopefully the freshman can bounce back.

7. Jimbo Shea (S)- One of the great wildcards on the team, Jimbo can either be brilliant, or be terrible. Traditionally a summertime golfer, this senior has been hampered early on by a hurt ankle and festering personal issues. He did manage to tie his match against Tabor. Hopefully Jimbo can finish out his time at PA with a strong season.



8. Ben Goldhirsh (S)- The schoo presidene is back again for one las season in the sun With little left to prove about his obvious academic and athletic talent, Ben's goals for this season are unclear. He suffered his first lost was at the hands of one of the best ninth grade female golfers in the state. He quickly rebounded to beat his Exeter opponent on Wednesday.

The Bench- Mr. Hannah has brought in a cast of younger students to round out the team this year. With the release of such former taxi-squaders like Mike Pierog '99, Mr. Hannah hopes to establish a strong base for future teams. Jeehae Lee '02 is one of the team's brightest prospects, shooting an amazing 77 from the white tees and beating her Exeter opponent. As only a freshman, Jeehae has plenty of time at PA to peak her skills.

With a strong showing against Exeter, Phillips Academy golf looks forward to a strong season.

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Golf Team Changes Name, Attitude

New 'Rough Riders' Vow Turnaround

by Jimbo Shea
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Belmont Hill	**5**
Andover	**3**

Andover	**10**
Holderness	**2**

GOLF

After a strong showing against rival Exeter, the PA golf team had a so-so week, losing to Belmont Hill but recovering to soundly beat Holderness.

The real story this week is the changed attitude of the team. Often known as a "laid back sport." the golf team has often been criticized for its apparent "lack of effort."

Before the match against Holderness, the team resolved to put these critics in their place. With this change in attitude came a new name for the golf team, now know as, "The Rough Riders."

Captain Orenstein '99 approved the change proposed by assistant captain Jimbo Shea '99, saying, "I think this change is good for everybody. It really puts the rest of the season into focus for us."

Belmont Hill

The match against Belmont Hill, which took place a week ago Thursday at Hillview, one of PA's home courses, was a low point for the team. #1 Brian Faulk '00 continued his losing streak, due mainly to an injured hand. #2 Noah "The Stein machine" Orenstein '99, #3 "The Kid" O'Neill '01, #5 Rob Ramsey '99, and #6 Ben Goldhirsh '99 all lost close matches against their opponents.

Playing at #4, golf phenom Jeehae Lee '02 continued to roll over the competition, beating her opponent three and one. She is being hailed by most as the future of Andover golf, but the pressure seems to have had no effect on her play.

#7 Jimbo "Mr. Nice Guy" Shea '99 and #8 Greg "Hector" Rosenheck '99 both came up with wins, but to no avail. Rosenheck was at odds with his opponent right from the beginning. On the first hole, "Hector" asked for a putt, and his opponent told him to take it, but he would never get another putt if he asked like that again.

Tension flared throughout the round, but "Heck" isn't the kind of man to be kept down that easily. Gathering all the strength within him, he ended up on top, beating his opponent by two holes. Sitting on the ninth green, Greg couldn't help but smile. He had won the day.

Editor's Note-

Hector n. *A bully.* v. *To bully in a blustering way. Hector is derived from the end of Rosenheck's name.*

Holderness

Galvanized by their new name and take-no-prisoners attitude, "The Rough Riders," came to play. Knowing the Holderness coach likes to stack his line-up, Coach Hannah used his crafty nature to beat Holderness at its own game.

Looking for his first win of the season, #1 Brian Faulk '00 faced by far the best player on their team. Playing with him was #2 Jimbo Shea '99, who faced a substanstially worse player. Faulk, who lost three and two, and Jimbo, who won his match was over after the sixth hole, combined for a best ball score of even par. Unfortunately, Holderness' #1 also shot a 36, beating Jimbo and Faulk by one hole.

The duo of "The Kid" and Jeehae smothered their opponents. Jeehae, who shot the low score of the day (37), is one of the team's brightest stars. With yet another shaky performance from Faulk, speculators think Jehee might be the true #1 on the team.

The rest of the points easily went to Andover, as PA players time and time again took aim at the pin and put it close. With this win, the PA golf team may finally see the light at the end of the tunnel. At last, the soul of PA golf great Ned Yetten can rest in peace.

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GOLF FALLS TO MILTON, BEATS BB&N

by Jimbo Shea
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Milton	**6**
Andover	**1**

As Wednesday dawned, cool and clear, the Rough Riders of Andover set out for the illustrious President's Golf Course, located off route 93 and home to The Norfolk County Classic.

The mood of the team was confident. Earlier in the week, they had proved that BB&N was no match for them, and they felt assured of a win over Milton. Despite suggestions of either Jimbo Shea '99 or Ben Goldhirsh '99 as a number one seed, Coach Hannah went with his usual lineup.

Teeing up first was the ever hopeful Brian Faulk '00. Fighting both his festering hand injury and jittery putting, he was just looking for a decent showing. Taking his low expectations into account, Faulk had an average day. His loss to Milton and BB&N set the team off to a bad start.

Captain Orenstien '99, playing number two, hoped to set Andover back on track. Like Faulk, Noah paid a high toll on the greens. His four over par 38 was enough to beat his BB&N opponent, but he was edged out by Milton.

Playing at his accustomed three spot, The Kid '01 had a poor day indeed. For the third time this year he was playing a female, and The Kid was overmatched both mentally and physically. Coming off the last green, Hannah asked what he had shot. Slowly walking off toward the van, The Kid fought back his emotions enough to hoarsely whisper, "Bad."

Once again the low round of the day went to freshman heart-throb Jeehae Lee '02, whose 35 was more than the BB&N number four could handle. Milton managed to take the match and the victory over Andover.

The other teams were amazed when Noah announced the Andover number five as Steve Austin. Unfortunately for the Rough Riders, this was not Stone Cold, also known as the Rattlesnake in some circles. It was a much more sinister character, Rob Ramsey '99. He managed to hold with his opponent until the sixth hole, when who should appear but The Kid's opponent. Apparently, after trouncing The Kid, she came to help Rob's opponent with his putts. Suddenly birdies began to rain down upon Rob, and he fell valiantly. If only The Kid had held out a little longer, Rob might have won.It now rested on number six Jimbo Shea '99 to save some face by beating Milton in at least one match. Although he played fairly well, shooting a 39, his opponent's 36 was too much for him to bear.

A slim ray of hope was provided by Ben Goldhirsh '99. There is simply no way to describe his play except as exceptional. Shooting a two over par 36, Ben dazzled his rivals and fans alike with superb iron play and deadly putting. Shedding his normally cool presidential demeanor, Goldhirsh let the team know his disappointment with their play. Hopefully his good showing can carry over into next week's matches.

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Squeak by GDA, and Beat Rivers

by Jimbo Shea
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Exeter *(metal play)*	257
Andover	272
Andover *(metal play)*	272
GDA	286
Andover *(match play)*	9
Rivers	3

Although the Rough Riders of Phillips Academy faced Exeter, GDA, and Rivers this week, the team knew that it faced a much more challenging opponent this week— the new nine at Far Corners. While this course, located in North Andover, is allegedly one of the team's home courses, it gave the golf team considerable trouble this week. Rumors about this new nine holes flew among those who had yet to play it. Some said that it was changed to a golf course only after the owners could not afford to put in a chair lift for the ski slope. For many, it was the first time they had ever played the course, taking away the home field advantage.

Exeter/GDA

On Saturday, in the second leg of the triple crown match against Exeter and GDA, the golf team was sorely beaten by Exeter, but at least managed to stay ahead of a mediocre GDA squad. This part of the three day match was scheduled to be played at Olde Newbury, GDA's home course, but due to poor planning, the match was forced to be played at Far Corners.

The match was slow, the play was poor, and the weather was awful; The Rough Riders were unable to rise to the occasion. Although they had been ahead of Exeter by a good six strokes, the team fell ten behind after the day was done. The first to suffer from the wrath of the course was #1 Brian Faulk '00, who came in with a 49, eleven behind his opponent. Mr. Smith claims Faulk tried a logistic shot, one that bends one way, then another. Apparently he failed.

#2 Noah Orenstein '99, playing against the infamous "Wolfe" of Exeter, managed a somewhat high 45, despite a few disagreements over rule violations. #3 "The Kid" '01 was the only bright spot of the day, managing a 40, followed closely by #4 Jeehae Lee '02's 43. #5 Rob Ramsey and #6 Greg "Hector" Rosenheck both came in with 49's.

#7 Jimbo Shea, still not fully in control of his normal game, managed only a 47. According to Jimbo, he felt that he "had taken very few swings for a three and a half hour round."

Rivers

The Rough Riders returned to Far Corners again on Wednesday, this time under far better circumstances. Coach Hannah decided that, after the team's poor play from the blue tees, it would hurt to play from the white tees this time.

Faulk managed to bounce back, beating his opponent on the last hole. Noah unfortunately took a loss today, but, as always, was in bright spirits, cheering his team on from the sideline.

The Kid and Rob both played fairly well, splitting against their relatively weak opponents. Playing without Jeehae, who had won the Girls' Interschols the day before, the match was locked up by the play of Hector and Jimbo.

The win did not come without controversy, though. Hector and his opponent quarreled bitterly over rules and calls, culminating in a shouting match that almost ended in blows on the ninth tee. Jimbo, trying to referee the fight, still managed to master his swing and beat his eighth grade opponent despite shaky putting.

After the match, Greg's opponent had one message for the Rough Riders: "Listen, you tell Hector I'm coming and sending my desperados for him and you...you're f%$#ing dead." (Statement not necessarily true; this is actually a lyric by Nas)

Rounding out the squad and gaining much needed experience was #7 Mitch St. Peter '02 and Aseem "The Dream" '02. Although the two only managed to tie one match between them, they did however manage not to get thrown in the pond, a usual tradition on the last day.

Tomorrow the team plays Exeter and GDA for the third time in the final match of the season. The team must overcome a ten stroke deficit in order to win the coveted match.

Golfer Jeehae Lee '02 Wins New England Invitational

Last Tuesday, junior golfer Jeehae Lee placed first in the Massachusetts Independent School Girls Championship. Lee, the only female golfer on the P.A. squad this year is number four on the team. She shot a round of eighty on a par seventy-two course. The tournament played at the Braeburns course outside Boston was a competition for female Independent school golfers. There were twenty four entrances in her eighteen hole division. Lee entered the tournament with a handicap of three defeating three other competitors with handicaps well under two. Coach Frank Hannah says of Lee's playing "she is an excellent golfer with great focus." A native of California, Lee started golfing competitively due to her parent's influence in the second grade. Commenting on the tournaments she has most recently played, Jeehae said, "I prefer east coast competition, California is very competitive."

Before she came to Andover, Jeehae moved to Greenwich, Connecticut where she competes in the summers. Lee qualified for the Junior Worlds in San Diego in the summer of 1997, but says she does not aspire to be a professional golfer. "The one thing I love about golf at PA is that you play as part of a team. I really like that better than individual competition."

— Anna Valeo

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Jeehae Lee '02 defeated the two-time defending champion in Tuesday's tournament.

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SPORT: Lacrosse - Boys

YEAR: 1998 - 1999

CAPTAIN: J.P. Chisholm
HOME ADDRESS:

MANAGER:
HOME ADDRESS:

COACH: Chuck Richardson
ASSISTANT COACHES:

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AISENBERG, JOSHUA B.
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BOYLE, FLETCHER G., Jr.
BRODIE, ETHAN H.
CARR, NATHANIEL H.
CHASE, ERIC C.
CHISHOLM, JOSEPH P.
COOPER, CONOR G.
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FLATHER, FREDERICK P.
GRACE, TYLER H.
HILLEY, BRENDAN S.
KANE, CHRISTOPHER M.
LeSAFFRE, LUKE J.
LIEBERMANN, ETHAN K.
MOGER, DANIEL W., III
MOORE, ALEXANDER H.
PLANITZER, KATHARINE E.
SALISBURY, PETER B.
SCRIVEN, MATTHEW H.
SINEX, JONATHAN E.
SMITHWICK, JAMES W.
TAYLOR, ISAAC B.
WINSTON, BRAXTON D., II

BOY'S LACROSSE

			PA	OPP
Sat., April 3, 1999	(H)	Nashua (scrimmage)	8	12
Wed., April 7, 1999	(A)	N.M.H.	4	14
Sat., April 10, 1999	(H)	Hyde School	11	2
Wed., April 14, 1999	(H)	Bridgton Academy	3	16
Sat., April 17, 1999	(H)	Albany Academy	5	13
Wed., April 21, 1999	(A)	Holderness	10	19
Sat., April 24, 1999	(H)	Deerfield	10	5
Mon., April 26, 1999	(H)	Governor Dummer	6	5
Sat., May 1, 1999	(A)	Loomis-Chaffee	9	19
Wed., May 5, 1999	(H)	Milton	15	9
Sat., May 8, 1999	(A)	Concord-Carlisle High	13	12
Wed., May 12, 1999	(A)	St. Paul's	14	9
Sat., May 15, 1999	(H)	Tabor	8	9
Wed., May 19, 1999	(A)	Pinkerton Academy	Canceled	
Sat., May 22, 1999	(A)	Exeter	5	11

DEFEATS HERALD DISMAL START FOR BOYS' LACROSSE

HOPES STILL HIGH

New Talent Could Raise Squad Over Last Year's Disheartening Record

by Tim Daniels
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Nashua	12
Andover	8
NMH	13
Andover	4

The boy's varsity lacrosse team started its season last Saturday with a tough game against Nashua High School. The Blue had little practice before its first contest, and used the game as a chance to coalesce as a team and sort out its new talent. After a disappointing season last year, the team is looking forward to fighting back with many new additions which will hopefully provide the backbone to a very physical team. This year has received an influx of speed and new skill that the team will heavily rely on as it approaches the season's second game against a tough Hyde school team tomorrow.

The beginning of the season has seen new talent rise in addition to the development of the more experienced players. That development has led to a strong, all senior, starting attack line consisting of Ethan Brodie '99, Dan Moger '99, and Brendan Hilley '99. The linemates have been playing together for much of their Andover careers and will surely produce many goals this season.

This year's defense will be key if the team is to win any games against the offensively dominant teams in the division. Led by captain J.P. Chisholm '99 the line has the opportunity to bring up new additions to the team while refining the strong sticks of Jimmy Smithwick '99, and Ethan Lieberman '00.

As the attack shows a strong ability to play coherently with each other, the real story lies in the newly-formed first line of midfielders that have quickly learned one another's style of play. With senior leadership from Fletcher Boyle '99, Pete Salisbury '99, and Chris Kane '99 the middies have increased speed but less skill than in previous years, relying on young players through the second and third lines. Altogether the team has showed good poise in its first two games and will continue to give "all out balls" through the rest of the season.

Coming into the scrimmage on Saturday the team had only one full day of practice under its belt. This was unfortunate, for the offensive set was not fully displayed on the field against the defending New Hampshire state champion Nashua High. As coach Chuck Richardson reiterated before the game, the team needed to play smart and begin working the matchups early on in the contest. Early in the first quarter the team was able to operate well from the top using a 2-3-1 offense with a middie in the crease for clears

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Pete Salisbury '99 drives to goal.

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Boys' Lacrosse Struggles Early On

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and quick dumps to the goal. Salisbury was able to use the weak matchup to the team's advantage and score Andover's first two goals on quick cuts to the goal. Soon Nashua was able to bounce back, however, and maintain its lead into the half.

Soon after the first line got off the field from the first shift of the second quarter a quick coaching switch moved Isaac Taylor '01 to the second line and saw him score early in the second half to match the score to 7-7. Unfortunately that goal proved to be the start of a bad trend exhibited by the team late in the third and into the fourth quarter. The intensity the team had relied so heavily on in the first half came back to haunt it in the second. Jon Sinex '00, whose hockey antics were visible throughout the game, got into two scuffles with a few hotheaded Nashua players and was penalized for six unrealeasable minutes. This was the death blow to the team as it had to fight against the man-down defense throughout the fourth quarter.

After two hard practices in which the team was able to execute for the first time its man- down defense and man-up offense, it was ready to face a good N.M.H. squad. After the long ride the squad seemed passive and could not move the ball around the horn fast enough to gain shot opportunities. Andover faced an intense game as it trailed 8-2 in the second quarter. With the loss of a third line, the squad had little chance to rest its first and second lines, resulting in a loss of control and poise later in the game. Unfortunately it was the basics that hurt the team the most and ended the game in a loss. Too much intensity and lack of movement from the offense were the catalysts to the frustrating first loss of the season.

With the anxiously-awaited return of senior middie Fred Flather '99, the team will look to capitalize on the mistakes it learned from Wednesday as it attempts to bounce back against Hyde tomorrow.

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BLUE TROUNCES HYDE IN SEASON OPENER, FALLS TO BRIDGTON
INCONSISTENT OFFENSE LEADS TO MIXED WEEK

by Charlie Resor and Tim Daniels
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITERS

Andover	**11**
Hyde	**2**

Bridgton	**16**
Andover	**3**

BOYS LACROSSE

Following a disappointing start to the 1999 campaign, the Andover lacrosse team entered this week looking to redeem itself. The coaching staff, along with the veteran leadership of several returning seniors, led by captain J.P. Chisholm '99, attempted to incite the team in hopes of gaining some momentum at the outset of the season.

As a result, the team came into the Hyde game quite well motivated. Andover's intensity showed on Saturday, as the team refused to be distracted by the physical, chippy, Hyde gameplan, and emerged with an 11-2 victory. Andover outplayed its severely less-skilled, but no less emotional, opponents. Unfortunately, in Wednesday's game against Bridgton, Andover was on the receiving end of the loss. Bridgton, which exemplifies the perennial high school lacrosse superpower stereotype, possessed too much ability for the blue to handle. The immensely talented Bridgton squad, which includes several All-Americans and Division I recruits each year, outplayed Andover from the game's outset. More skilled at virtually every position, Bridgton displayed a tremendous all-around game.

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Ethan Brodie '99 closes on goal in Wednesday's game against Bridgton.

Hyde

Saturday's game against Hyde was the first real home game of the season for the Andover players. PA was ready for a tough match, and the players came out of the locker room fired up. Jim Smithwick '99 set the pace early with a few bone-crushing hits. None of the home team players played a bad game. The 11-2 smoke show was an important stepping stone for Andover. It served as a chance for all four lines to show what they can do in game situations. The game also gave a positive outlook for the remainder of the season. Isaac Taylor '01 commented, "In the third quarter, we didn't do as well, but in the fourth, we came out and dominated. It was good to have our first win."

Among point earners in the win against Hyde were Dan Moger '99 and Pete Salisbury '99 each with two goals and two assists. Brendan Hilley '99 and Jon Sinex '00 both earned two goals and one assist. Ethan Brodie '99 scored one goal and assisted on two. Dapo Babatunde '00 and Connor Cooper '99 scored a goal apiece. New team additions Taylor and Austin Arensberg '01 both helped out with 1 assist each.

Bridgton

However, Wednesday's game against Bridgton was a different story. The opponent, a team consisting entirely of PGs, brought a huge squad of skilled players to the field. Bridgton came on strong right from the start, scoring just minutes into the game. Andover fought back, but its opponent's four solid lines of able and experienced players were too much to handle.

J. Grier Buchanan '01 commented, "We came out with a lot of intensity, but became quickly discouraged. However, coming into the second half with that same intensity helped us to hold them to only a few goals."

Andover did manage to produce many strong offensive threats throughout the game despite its opponent's overall strength. Salisbury snapped a shot past the Bridgton net minder for Andover's first goal of the game. Ethan Brodie '99 capitalized later in the game with a low shot from 20 feet out. With only minutes remaining, the previously injured Fred Flather '99 scored Andover's third and final goal of the game.

When asked about the past two games, Coach Kevin O'Brien mentioned that he is proud of his team for playing hard all throughout both of the games. He is especially happy that his players did not give up against the tough Bridgeton opponent. Coach O'Brien believes that the team will achieve more success if it works on a few key areas of the game, such as moving off the ball, cutting to the ball, and handling "the rock."

Boys' Lacrosse Continues Its Losing Ways; Losses to Albany, Holderness Yield 1-4 Record

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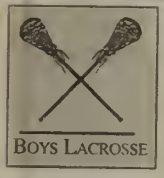

After a disappointing game against Bridgton Academy last week, the boys' lacrosse team hosted a skilled Albany Academy team last Saturday. Though looking to bounce back with a win, the Blue came out flat, falling behind by five goals at the half. After falling to Albany, Andover extended its winless streak to three with a close away loss to Holderness. The season has just begun, but the team is off to a slow start with a 1-4 record.

After the slow start against Albany, the Blue began to step up its play in the second half, but the shift in game momentum was overcome just minutes later by penalty trouble. Andover spent a good portion of the third quarter with a man in the box. As could be expected, the squad was unable to produce any solid offensive threats while under the handicap of penalization. Mounting a comeback while playing man down was next to impossible, and the game ended in a 13-6 Andover loss.

Andover's trouble with penalties in the Albany Academy game stresses the validity of Coach Kevin O'Brien's views on sportsmanship. He strongly believes that players should control their emotions from start to finish, but throughout the past three or four games, penalty problems have greatly impeded the Blue's success. This is one area of the game in which Coach O'Brien's team hopes to improve.

On Wednesday, the lacrosse squad traveled into the mountains of New Hampshire to face the Holderness School. Perhaps due to the long bus ride, the Blue again came onto the field flat, and by the end of the first half, the score was 8-4 in Holderness' favor.

Luckily, the Blue began to gain its composure in the second half. The team settled down and managed to produce some offense. In particular, Ethan Brodie '99 played extremely well in the last two quarters of the game. His playmaking skills and accurate shot helped Andover to come within a few goals of the opponent.

However, the Blue's solid play in the third and fourth quarters was not enough to subdue the gutsy opponent. The final score was 14-10 in favor of Holderness. When asked about the game, defenseman Matt Scriven '00 responded, "We've got to learn how to work together better as a team and stop making careless errors."

After watching Andover's flat play in the first half of the Holderness game, Coach O'Brien picked out a few areas of his team's game that need to be worked on. "Against Holderness, we were trailing cutters and not switching off on picks." The coach feels that doing the simple things consistently throughout the game is crucial, and he intends to work with his players on controlling the ball on offense and being patient.

Andover's play at certain areas of the field in the game against Holderness was exactly opposite to its play against Albany Academy.

On Saturday, the Blue's defense was extremely effective in breaking up the opponent's offensive efforts while on the other end of the field, Andover's offense had a tough time penetrating Albany Academy's strong defensive core. At Holderness, the Blue's attackmen and middies played very well against Holderness while Andover's defensive group struggled. If coaches O'Brien and Richardson can get their players to be consistent at both section of the field, the team will surely prosper in the games to come.

In addition to trouble with penalties and occasional offensive and defensive breakdowns, the Andover boys lacrosse team has had a tough time with injuries. During Wednesday's game at Holderness, middies Pete Salisbury '99 and Isaac Taylor '01 both suffered injuries. Jon Sinex '00 injured his lower back in last week's game against Bridgton Academy.

None of the players have been sidelined due to injury, but it is doubtful that the whole team is currently playing at 100 percent health. Injury is just another speed bump that the Blue will try to steer clear of during the remainder of the season.

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Isaac Taylor '99 forces off a defender for a feed to the goal. Andover is finally on the rebound thanks to near flawless execution on Saturday night's game under the lights.

Boys Lax Season on the Rise; Falls to Loomis, Beats Milton

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Andover came out to its home field on Wednesday ready face Milton, a talented team that matched up well with the Blue.

Just twenty seconds into the game, Jon Sinex gave his team the lead with a well-placed shot. Milton answered back just seconds later with a goal of its own. But, only seconds after the tying goal, Ethan Brodie capitalized on a scoring chance, regaining the lead for his team. Chris Kane '99 added to the lead a few minutes later.

However, Andover was not in the clear. Milton elevated its level of play and generated several strong offensive threats. The change in tempo caught Andover by surprise. Al Moore '99 in particular was faced with a barrage of quality shots. After a few snuck by the overwhelmed keeper, Coaches Richardson and O'Brien chose to give him a chance to regain his composure. Eric Chase '01 got the nod. Chase had been pulled up from the JV squad to replace an injured Stefano de Stefano '00. The new addition put on a stellar performance, letting in only one goal and giving Andover the chance it needed to slow its game down and get back into order. However, the damage had already been done. Milton had scored six unanswered goals, ending the half leading 7-3.

Andover came back from the mid-game intermission ready for a comeback. Milton was only able to score one goal in the second half. Andover, on the other hand, managed twelve. Goal scorers were Sinex and Kane, both with three, Brodie and Conor Cooper '99 with two each, and Nat Carr '00, Brendan Hilley '99, and Dan Moger '99, all with one.

With regard to the game against Milton, Sinex commented, "We came out slow in the first half, but we picked it up in the second and capitalized when we needed to."

Last Saturday, in a less competitive game, the team traveled south to the Loomis Chaffee School for a game against the Pelicans. The Blue knew it had to play well to match up against the tough opponent, which featured several Division I prospects.

The undefeated Pelicans came to the field ready to play. Two or three of their players in particular exhibited an ability to snipe shots from almost anywhere in the restraining box, keeping goalie Moore on his toes. A few other Loomis players had very developed speed and stick skills, giving the opponent a huge advantage in one-on-one plays.

The highly skilled Loomis Chaffee team started off strongly and was hard to catch. Andover began to close the gap in the second half, but the opponent was just too strong. The game ended in a 19-9 loss.

Scorers in the game against Loomis included Carr, Brodie, and Sinex '00, each with one goal, and Pete Salisbury '99 and Cooper both with three goals.

When asked about the game, Coach Chuck Richardson expressed his satisfaction with his team's effort. "We didn't play a bad game. They are the class of the preps and we expected that." Coach Richardson commended his players for working hard despite the score and for keeping their heads in the game. The squad realized the importance of going through assignments in spite of the odds against them.

Coach Richardson also expressed his positive lookout for the remainder of the season. Up to this point, Andover has had to compete with some of the strongest teams in the league (Deerfield, Albany, Bridgeton, Loomis, and others). Richardson feels that the second half of the season will be much more manageable than the first.

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Athlete Of The Week

Chris Kane '99

"He's always intense. His aggressive play makes him a key player for any team he plays on."

Dapo Babatunde '00

by Alan Ginsberg
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Growing up in Marblehead, Massachusetts, Chris Kane '99 did not begin playing lacrosse until he was in seventh grade. However, once he learned the game, his natural athletic ability allowed him to become a great player. Now, after scoring two goals in Monday's triumph over Governor Dummer and having played consistently well throughout the season, Chris is this week's Athlete of the Week.

Chris first played the game of lacrosse while he was a student at the Tower School. That year, the school required him to play a sport, and the only choices open to him were tennis and lacrosse. He had played tennis before, but luckily for Andover he chose to try a new game. He found that he enjoyed lacrosse and as an eighth grader, Chris played again continuing to develop his skills.

During Chris' eighth grade year he chose to follow in the footsteps of his sister Caroline '96, currently a student at Yale University, and matriculate at Phillips Academy. Interestingly, Chris is not the first student, nor even the first lacrosse player, to come to Andover from the Tower School. Parker Sides '95, who played hockey and lacrosse at Andover before going to Connecticut College, also attended the Tower School. Coincidentally, Sides is a cousin of Fred Flather '99, Chris' teammate on the lacrosse team.

When Chris first came to Phillips Academy, he decided to play soccer, making the JV 2 team. Soccer was a natural choice for Chris as he had played soccer since he was six, even winning a state championship as a sweeper and stopper for his hometown of Marblehead. However, despite his background as a defender, Chris was moved up to a wing midfield position on the JV 2 team. With this move, Chris began a string of numerous position changes on the soccer field, a phenomenon about which he only comments, "I've played everywhere."

Chris began his Phillips Academy lacrosse career as, in his words, a "tiny" ninth grader, playing for the school's JV team during both his junior and lower years. In speaking about that team, Chris notes that current varsity lacrosse coach Chuck Richardson was at that time the leader of the JV squad; thus, Chris has never played for an Andover lacrosse team without being coached by Chuck. As a lower, Chris also played soccer again, making the JV team and characteristically changing positions again, this time playing as a forward.

As a result of some off the field troubles, Chris spent his upper year at St. John's Prep in nearby Danvers, Massachusetts. There, he played for the lacrosse team that finished the season with a 13-3 record. As the third seed in the postseason tournament, the team had high hopes for postseason success. Unfortunately, the boys' season ended prematurely when they lost to Lexington in the second round.

Not wanting to lose the skill he had developed during the season, Chris spent the summer playing lacrosse in the Bay State Games and competing against top-level competition from across the state. Eventually, Chris and his Northeast team succumbed to the South squad in the tournament finals, but Chris credits the experience with having made him a better lacrosse player. As the end of the summer drew near, Chris began to hone his soccer skills in preparation for his return to Andover.

Beginning in September, Chris threw himself headlong into Andover life. Just before school started, he and twenty-three other boys traveled to Maine to attend the Team Prep Camp, a week-long soccer camp held to allow teams to prepare for their upcoming seasons. Upon returning to Andover, Chris immediately established himself as an impact player for the team. For the most part, he started as a central midfielder, a position he had never played prior to this year. However, whenever the team needed him to, Chris would drop back into the center of the defense, a position familiar to him from his youth soccer career. Kyle Preman '00, Kane's teammate since their days in the Marblehead youth leagues, commented on what makes Kane such a good defender: "Chris is

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so aggressive and tenacious that he almost always wins any ball he goes for." Because of his versatility and effort in leading the team to an undefeated record in regular season league play, Chris was named the New England Prep Player of the Year by The Boston Globe, following in the footsteps of his former teammate Phil Risseeuw '98.

After spending the winter taking a break from his athletic pursuits to rejuvenate himself for the spring, Chris was ready for lacrosse to begin. Throughout the season, he has played the point position in man up situations and due to injuries to fellow middies Fred Flather '99 and Pete Salisbury '99, among others logged many minutes on the field.

By being his usual untiring self, Chris has won the respect of his teammates. "He's always extremely energetic and fired up to play. He goes one hundred percent every time," raves Nat Carr '00. Ethan Liebermann '00 calls Kane "the kind of relentless player who is able to bring the team to new levels. His hard work and hustle serve as a model for the rest of us." Dapo Babatunde '00, Kane's teammate in both soccer and lacrosse, agrees: "He's always intense. His aggressive play in both sports makes him a key player for any team he plays on." Now that the midfield is finally healthy and beginning to develop some cohesiveness, Chris is beginning to find more freedom to shoot and step up defensively, meaning his game will only continue to improve.

Despite the lacrosse team's early season troubles, there have been some bright spots, both for the team and for Chris as an individual. Last Wednesday, against Holderness, the team fell behind early, but, on the strength of Chris' two goals and three assists, managed to claw its way back before eventually losing 14-11. Three days later, the Blue took on Deerfield under the lights. It was, according to Chris, a controlled game between two strong teams playing good lacrosse and committing few penalties. Salisbury's three goals kept Andover in the game and gave the team a chance to win, but, partly owing to a late Andover goal disallowed by the referee, Deerfield was able to squeak by with a 7-5 win.

The Blue were unable to rest for long, however, as they faced Governor Dummer on Monday night. In that game, Chris scored two goals to help Andover put the game away early. The 6-5 win was an important one for the team, "considering our short preseason and the number of difficult teams we played in the early season, which," says Chris, "made us a better team," but has led to a sub-par 2-5 record thus far.

In looking toward the remainder of the season, Chris hopes to see the team approach the .500 plateau and expects strong showings against Tabor and, of course, Exeter, both of which should be winnable games for the Blue.

Off the athletic fields, Chris is enjoying his senior spring, especially his Urban Studies class, in which he travels to the Lawrence Vocational/Technical School to tutor students. Next year, he will attend Amherst College and play both soccer and lacrosse. Judging from his previous accomplishments, there is little doubt that Chris will continue his success both on and off the field.

Victory Over GDA for Boys' Lacrosse Team; Goes .500 on the Week, Losing to Deerfield

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BOYS' LACROSSE

Last Saturday, the Andover boys' varsity lacrosse team faced off against one of its toughest opponents all season. Players from Deerfield Academy traveled to PA for an evening game under the lights.

The Blue was extremely excited and mentally prepared for the fierce competition. This solid attitude carried over to Tuesday, when Andover faced Governor Dummer Academy. Although not as highly skilled as Deerfield, GDA came to the field ready to put up a full 60-minute fight.

DEERFIELD

During the practices before the game against Deerfield, the Blue knew what it had to do to counteract the opponent's high skill level and team depth. J.P Chisholm '99 commented, "We realized that we needed to pick up the intensity. Our team really gelled before the game." Andover definitely came onto the field fired up.

After Deerfield jumped out to a multiple goal lead, Pete Salisbury '99 scored the Blue's first goal a few minutes into the first quarter. Nat Carr '00 added a second to lessen Deerfield's small lead. Salisbury put away the next two, bringing Andover within one goal of its opponent. Jon Sinex '00 scored the Blue's fifth and final goal, tying the score at five.

In the last quarter of the game, Deerfield upped the score to 6-5. Andover produced several high-quality scoring chances in hopes of regaining the tie, but was unable to capitalize. Deerfield added one more goal towards the end of the game to seal the victory.

However, Andover played a very convincing game against very strong opposition. Although the Blue did not leave the field victorious, it should be commended for its tenacious effort and excellent play from start to finish. Unfortunately, a few unlucky bounces gave an extra edge to Deerfield. Ethan Brodie '99 scored two goals that were called back by the officials. Although both calls were questionable, game tapes clearly show that one of Brodie's shots definitely should have counted. Andover supporters felt that better officiating could have changed the outcome of the game.

Andover's strong game against Deerfield was partially due to the sound play of Al Moore '99, the goalie. Moore has displayed solid skills and good game sense all season long. Coaches O'Brien and Richardson showed confidence in their net minder by keeping him in for the whole game.

Throughout Saturday's game, Andover displayed an aspect of lacrosse that its coaches have encouraged since the start of the season: patience on offense. The attack and midfielders set up plays effectively and waited for opportune moments to shoot. All of the players were extremely careful about throwing the ball away. Andover's ability to settle down and make good decisions helped the team at both ends of the field.

GDA

After the hard-fought game against Deerfield, Andover was ready for GDA on Tuesday. The Blue jumped out to a quick 2-0 lead and continued to dominate until the last quarter of the game. At this point, GDA made a run at a comeback, bringing the score up to 6-5. But Andover was too strong. It held off the lively opponent in the final minutes of the game and left the field with a 6-5 victory.

Against GDA, Andover was aided by an interesting goal by Chris Kane '99. He attempted to pass the ball to a streaking Dapo Babatunde '00 at the top of the opponent's crease. GDA's goalie, however, decided to charge out and level Babatunde before the speedy cutter caught the ball.

As Babatunde accepted the hit, players and fans alike watched Kane's pass float by the ill-positioned goaltender and into the net. Kane would later score a second goal off an equally impressive shot.

Other goal scorers in the win against GDA include Sinex, Salisbury, Fred Flather, and Ethan Brodie, each with one goal.

Once again, patience on offense was a big part of Andover's success. The Blue was able to settle down in the GDA's end of the field and set up high-percentage shots. Hopefully Andover's offensive strength will carry over to the games to come.

Injury still remains a constant problem for Andover's team.

Hoping to break down the Blue's playmaking ability, opponents have been hacking continuously at the squad's go-to players.

Pete Salisbury '99 has had a tough time with injury this season, but he has stayed in the lineup for most games. Other recuperating players include Jon Sinex '00 and Fred Flather '99.

Ethan Brodie '99, maneuvering around a Hyde defender, led the Blue attack in a up and down season.

Nat Carr '00

"Nat is a persistent and feisty contributor throughout the entire game. His superior work ethic allows him to be a consistent scoring threat."

- Ethan Lieberman '00

by Alan Ginsberg
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After scoring five goals in front of his friends and family on Saturday and spearheading the boys' varsity lacrosse team to an exciting one goal win over his hometown high school, the reigning state champion Concord-Carlisle, Nat Carr '00 is this week's athlete of the week.

Until his freshman year in high school, Nat lived with his family in Lincoln, Massachusetts. Beginning in fourth grade, he attended The Fenn School in neighboring Concord, Massachusetts. There, he played many sports, including basketball and baseball. In sixth grade, however, Nat grew tired of baseball and chose to try another sport - lacrosse. Because sixth graders were not allowed to play competitively, Nat participated in intramural lacrosse, learning the basics of the game while discovering his natural talent for playing it. In seventh grade, Nat made the varsity squad as a midfielder. He continued playing during his eighth and ninth grade years. Despite the consistently impressive records Nat's Fenn teams always compiled, there was one team that Nat and his Fenn teammates could never beat: Shore Country Day, led by none other than Nat's lacrosse teammate Ethan Liebermann '00. According to Nat, the two did not know each other by name, but recognized each other at Andover.

After his ninth grade year at the Fenn School, Nat decided to matriculate at Phillips Academy. As a new lower, he made impressive showings on the junior varsity teams in soccer, basketball, and lacrosse. In lacrosse, his coach asked him to switch his position from middie to attack. It was a change Nat is glad he made: "attack is more fitted to my game; it's not as much running and more shooting."

This winter, Nat made the varsity basketball team, gradually but consistently garnering more playing time as the season progressed. Then, in the spring, Nat won a place on the varsity lacrosse team. In just his first year on the squad, Nat has improved so much that his playing time has increased steadily, to the point that he has started the last four games. In describing Nat's play, his longtime opponent and current teammate Liebermann says, "Nat is a persistent and feisty contributor throughout the entire game. His superior work ethic allows him to be a consistent scoring threat."

Having gone to school in Concord since his fourth grade year at The Fenn School and having lived in the town since he and his family moved there

two years ago, Nat was excited to see Concord-Carlisle High School on the schedule at the beginning of the season. As the game began, Nat's emotions ran high. "I was real pumped," he says. "Eight of my good buddies from my old school were there, getting on my case." In addition to those eight friends, Nat's parents and brother, two of his cousins, and his aunt and uncle were also there to watch him play. Finally, Nat's friend played goalie for Concord-Carlisle in the first half, and Nat greeted him by scoring two goals. Partly due to Nat's first half efforts, the Blue found itself with a two goal halftime lead. However, during a back-and-forth second half, Concord-Carlisle tied the game and eventually took a two goal lead. Unwilling to give up in front of his friends and family, Nat took over the game, scoring what would be Andover's last three goals in leading the team to a 13-12 victory. In speaking about his scoring explosion, Nat attributes his five goals, his highest-ever total as a varsity lacrosse player, to the burst of adrenaline he received from having so many supporters at the game.

This Wednesday, Nat and the rest of the boys' varsity lacrosse team traveled to St. Paul's, hoping to continue their winning ways. Unfortunately, St. Paul's came away with the win after scoring in sudden-death overtime. Nat, despite scoring a goal, felt partly to blame for the loss. "We just didn't hold the ball on offense," was all he could muster to describe the game. With just a few games left, Nat and the rest of the team hope to resolve this and other problems and finish the season on a winning note.

During his summers, Nat tries to remove himself as much as possible from the hectic lifestyle of P. A. Last summer, he served as a lifeguard at a private club near his home. In addition, Nat worked at a sports camp run by the athletic director at The Fenn School. There, he taught soccer, basketball, baseball, and lacrosse to children, some of whom were as young as kindergartners, while others were in the eighth grade. This summer, Nat plans to return home to relax after upper year. He is also considering attending (with Liebermann) a camp for elite lacrosse players that will be held in New Hampshire.

Although he is only an upper, Nat has already begun to think about college. He knows he wants to play basketball or lacrosse, and he is trying to decide whether or not to attempt to play both. Regardless, he is unsure of his ability to play at a Division I program. Thus, he is primarily considering smaller Division three schools in New England, including, possibly, Williams and Colby. Wherever he goes, however, Nat will always be able to remember the day he nearly single-handedly defeated his hometown team.

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Boys' Lax Beats State Champs; Defeated By SPS in Overtime

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The boys varsity lacrosse team traveled to Concord-Carlisle last week, in an effort to upset the reigning Massachusetts state champions. In a valiant effort, Andover managed to pull off this feat, dominating its opponents throughout the game.

The Big Blue started out strong, and took an early lead. Ethan Brodie '99 started out the game strong for the Blue by ripping a shot by the Concord goalie's right hip. Next Connor Cooper '99 added a second goal with another blazing shot from the side, scoring the first of his four. However a determined Concord team kept the game close, answering back to each goal. Athlete of the week, Nat Carr '00, then scored his 1st of five goals off a fast break play from John Sinex "00, giving the Blue the momentum it needed to finish the half strongly. At the end of the half, the Blue was up 8-6, and had been playing a solid and quick paced game.

Concord, however, soon pulled its game together and rallied back with 5 goals in the 3rd quarter making the score 11-9 in its favor. John Sinex scored the only goal of the quarter, maintaining the Blue's confidence, helping them get back into the game.

The defensive division of the squad, led by J.P. Chisholm '99, played exceptionally well, forcing the ball to the outside and clearing it to the midfielders. By breaking up plays and curbing fast breaks, the defense managed to keep the ball out of its end for most of the game. Al Moore's '99 superior and consistent play was a tremendous factor in keeping the Blue focused.

In the 4th quarter, the Blue rallied back, with a goal from Ethan Brodie '99 topping off three for the day. Carr again stepped up and delivered two goals, each power shots from outside. With the game on the line, each team hurled all the talent and power it could muster at each other. "Each side just really wanted to win," said Carr. "It was like a battle between the private school and the public, but we just wanted it more." Through solid play and hard work, the team was able to pull it out with Carr ripping the winning goal, ricocheting the ball off the goalie's knee for the 13th and winning goal.

As Coach Chuck Richardson put it simply, "We wanted to win, and we

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did what we had to do."

For the past few games, Andover has been aided by the play of Luke LeSaffre '01. The talented midfielder was recently pulled up from the JV squad. LeSaffre's skill and knowledge of the game have made his presence known on the field.

On Wednesday, Andover faced an aggressive and highly skilled team from the St. Paul's School. Hoping to knock off the ISL power, the Blue came out of the locker room ready for a tough game.

Because of the opponent's strength and Andover's occasional problems with ground balls and face-offs, the Blue spent the majority of the first half in its defensive end. St. Paul's strong and speedy attack and midfielders presented a huge threat to Andover's gameplan.

The Blue, however, was equal to the task. Its defensive unit, in particular, played extremely well. Goaltender Al Moore put on another display of skill and experience, shutting down some of St. Paul's strongest scoring chances.

Andover capitalized when it needed to. Ethan Brodie led the scoring with 3 goals while Connor Cooper, Fred Flather '99, Carr, Sinex, Chris Kane '99, and Pete Salisbury '99 each had one.

Andover matched up with St. Paul's throughout the game. The first two quarters ended in ties. However, by the fourth quarter, St. Paul's held a small two-goal lead. Near the closing minutes of the game, the Blue scored two quick goals, tying the game at 9.

One full overtime period failed to produce a winner. But, during the second OT, St. Paul's star player broke the tie, clenching the win for his team.

Andover matched up well with St. Paul's despite a few pivotal factors. Some of the players, including Isaac Taylor '01, have been suffering from illness. Injury has also been a problem. Chris Kane was forced to sit part of the game out due to a muscle pain. Hopefully all of Andover's players will soon be healthy and ready to face the upcoming opponents.

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Connor Cooper '99 scored four goals in Saturday's 13-12 thrilling victory over Concord-Carlisle.

Mercurial Season For Boys' Lacrosse

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The Andover boys' varsity lacrosse team finished its season last Saturday with a game at Phillips Exeter. The Blue was ready for a tough match against the third-ranked opponent, which consisted of several post graduates and upperclassmen. Although the game had little bearing on the outcome of the season, it was one of the biggest games in the minds of Andover players and fans.

Exeter came out strong right from the start and took control of the opening part of the game. By the end of the first half, the score was 6-1 in favor of Andover's opponent. Exeter's midfielders in particular were extremely quick and hard to contain. However, the Blue put it together in the second half, slowly creeping back from the 5-goal deficit. Hard work and execution of plays brought the score all the way up to 7-4. But, as minutes ticked by, Andover's momentum began to slow. Exeter elevated its level of play and pulled away in the final minutes, making a last stab at a comeback impossible.

Team captain J.P Chisholm '99 commented on the season as a whole: "We started off slowly, probably due to the fact that we had only one practice before the first game. But, after Deerfield we started to play really good intense lacrosse. Overall, the season was a lot of fun."

Another important game for the lacrosse team came two weeks ago, when the squad faced Concord Carlisle. The opponent, the defending state champion, put up a hard fight from beginning to end. Andover, however, was determined not to fall back. The score stayed even throughout the game, but in the final minutes of play, the Blue delivered the knockout blow. Andover left Concord with a slim one-goal win that served as an important stepping stone for the games that followed.

Andover was also victorious against GDA and Kent earlier in the season. In both games, the Blue came out strong and overpowered its opponent. The games against GDA and Kent served as chances for Andover to show its strong offensive and defensive abilities.

The Blue suffered close losses against Tabor and St. Paul's, both of whom are strong prep school league powers. Andover matched up with both competitors, but fell slightly short at the end of the games, losing both by one goal. Nevertheless, it put up two strong performances against two tough teams.

A few times during the season, Andover was matched up against unbelievably strong opponents. Such was the case against Bridgton. The all-PG school traveled to Andover stacked with four solid lines of skilled and experienced players. The Blue was unable to keep up with the caliber of play put forth by the college-aged Bridgton players. Andover was also ill-matched against the Loomis Chaffee school. The number-one-ranked Loomis team was lead by a few midfielders and attackmen who possessed remarkable speed and ball control. The Blue's defensive corps was unable to counteract the bombardment of cuts and drives put forth by the highly skilled Loomis players.

Throughout this past season, Andover had to overcome many obstacles. Injury and sickness lingered among the squad all season long. Key players like Fred Flather '99, Pete Salisbury '99, Jon Sinex '00, Isaac Taylor '01, had to sit out at certain times due to ailments. Also, many of Andover's opponents were stacked with PGs and experienced seniors, which created an extremely high level of play for the old and young Andover players.

As for next season, Andover will expose the talent of its young and upcoming players as well as the development of its experienced leaders who remain on the squad. The graduation of key players like Ethan Brodie '99, Brendan Hilley '99, Chisholm, Jim Smithwick '99, Fletcher Boyle '99, Flather, Salisbury, Chris Kane '99, Connor Cooper '99, and Al Moore '99 leaves huge holes in the roster the need be filled. At attack, Andover looks forward to utilizing the play of rising senior Nat Carr '00, who helped out the team tremendously this past season. As Carr is the only returning attack player, the Blue will have to turn to team newcomers to fill the void in the offensive zone.

At the midfield position, Andover will retain a good portion of its players. Sinex, Tyler Grace, and Dapo Babatunde, all rising seniors, will return next year to provide a strong backbone for the team. Also returning are rising uppers Taylor, Luke LeSaffre, and Austin Arensberg, who were valuable assets to the team this past season.

On defense, rising seniors Ethan Lieberman, Josh Aisenberg, and Matt Scriven will return next year to lead the upcoming group of longsticks. All three teammates played very well this season and will surly provide strong defense next year. Andover also looks forward to further applying the play of newcomer Braxton Winston, whose aggressive temperament will prove to be a useful tool on defense. Taking the place of goaltender Moore will be Stefano de Stefano '00 and Eric Chase '01, both of whom have shown experience and skill in front of the cage.

SPORT: Lacrosse- Girls

YEAR: 1998 - 1999

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Sat., April 3, 1999	(H)	Middlesex (Scrimmage)		9	13
Wed., April 7, 1999	(A)	St. Mark's (Scrimmage)		7	10
Fri., April 9, 1999	(H)	Nobles		0	7
Sat., April 10, 1999	(H)	K.U.A.		13	2
Wed., April 14, 1999	(A)	N.M.H.		10	10
Wed., April 21, 1999	(H)	Holderness		15	4
Sat., April 24, 1999	(A)	Taft		10	11
Wed., April 28, 1999	(H)	B.B.&N.		12	9
Sat., MAy 1, 1999	(A)	Tabor		16	10
Wed., May 5, 1999	(H)	Governor Dummer		12	11
Sat., May 8, 1999	(H)	Thayer		16	13
Wed., May 12, 1999	(A)	Winsor		10	4
Sat., May 15, 1999	(A)	Tournament (EIL@NEW C.C.)	finals	13	8 Middles
Wed., May 19, 1999	(H)	Groton		14	1
Fri., May 21, 1999	(A)	Exeter		12	5

Despite Immense Talent, Many Returners, Girls' Lacrosse Fumbles in First Scrimmage

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by Joe Ankeles
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

St. Marks'	10
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GIRLS' LACROSSE

This Wednesday the Andover girls lacrosse team traveled to Saint Mark's, where it lost an afternoon scrimmage to the Lions 10-7. Despite solid goaltending from captain Chace Wessling '99, explosive bursts of speed from the midfielders, and some skillful individual rushes from the attackers, the team was unable to thwart an impressive Saint Mark's squad.

When the girls open their regular season tomorrow against Kimball Union, there will be many familiar faces in the lineup. Besides Wessling, two other seniors, Rachel Burns and Tysie Sawyer, will also be returning. Rejoining the team from the upper class are Anna Valeo, Kate Macmillan, Sarah Cote, Ashley Harmeling, Meghan Hayes, Hillary Fitzpatrick, Christine Anneberg, and Susannah Richardson. Though the Blue will be without last year's leading scorer, Heather Gotha '99 (46 goals-13 assists-59 points), Macmillan and Harmeling will look to fill the scoring void she left behind. Last season Macmillan finished second to Gotha with thirty-three goals, while Harmeling led the team in assists with twenty-four. Coaching the team this spring is athletic instructor Kate Dolan. Normally the coach of the JV team, Dolan is making only her second season behind the varsity bench. Her first season came in 1995 when she coached the Blue to an undefeated season and a victory in the AISGA tournament, which was capped by a thrilling overtime win in the final round against Middlesex.

When asked about her prospects for the upcoming season, Dolan said she hoped to rely on strong contributions from both the team's returning members and a promising newcomer, Katie Davies '00. She also expressed her excitement about the team's coachability and willingness to work hard but added, "We need to build our endurance and increase our speed. Once we get into good playing shape, and the kids get used to one another, things should begin to come together."

As for her predictions, coach Dolan hopes that the team will improve week by week and maintain a "one-day-at-a-time" attitude. The veteran coach also spoke about her relationship with captain Wessling, which she called "strong and honest." Dolan is Wessling's three year house counselor and her academic advisor. She has also coached her this year in varsity field hockey and ice hockey. "She must be sick of me," joked Dolan. "We are excited to have her on the team," said Wessling of her coach, whom she describes as a good friend who has always been supportive. Wessling describes this year's team as mainly an upper team with natural athletic ability and a heavy lacrosse background. She also expressed her excitement over new prospect Mariel O'Brien '01, whom she considers a strong runner. Though she anticipates success, Wessling hopes that the girls will work hard on both coming together as a team and playing a strong defensive game. Wessling, the team's veteran goalie, helped last year's team (8-2-1) to a berth in the finals of the Eastern Independent League tournament and a 13-5 win over Exeter.

Wednesday afternoon's scrimmage began with similar success. The Blue drew first blood less then a minute after the opening whistle, when Richardson was able to fire a shot past the Lions' goalie. Minutes later Anneberg, who was cutting toward the net, scored off a bullet pass by Harmeling from behind the net. Andover soon seemed as though it would dominate the game when Macmillan made it 3-0 after a scramble for the ball in front of the Lions' net. Later in the half, the Saint Mark's goalie made a solid breakaway save, which led to the first

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Ashley Harmeling '00 will look to lead the girls' lacrosse team in assists for the second year in a row.

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Girls' Varsity Lacrosse Falls in First Scrimmage

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of five unanswered Saint Marks' goals, including one with only nine seconds remaining in the half. A combination of Saint Mark's tenacious checking and crisp passing and Andover's inability to stop the fast break, transition from defense to offense, and catch the crucial outlet passes from the defense sent the Blue into the half down 5-3.

The second half began much like the first when a re-energized Andover squad quickly tied the game at 5. Katie Davies intercepted a shoddy pass in the Lions' defensive end and easily beat the goalie. Davies scored again on a pass from Harmeling. Strong pressure from Saint Mark's forced two goals off of penalty shots and a third and fourth goal from individual rushes.

With the score 5-9, the Blue fought desperately to stay in the game, bringing almost the remainder of the game play into the Saint Mark's defensive zone. Kate Macmillan scored her second goal of the game, and Harmeling added a goal of her own, but Saint Mark's began to work the clock down, suffocating any hopes of an Andover comeback. The Lions closed out the scoring in the final minutes of the game, which ended 10-7.

When asked for her evaluation of the team's performance, coach Dolan cited the lack of a transition game, problems shooting the ball under pressure, and the team's inability to defend against the fast break. Despite the preseason loss, Dolan recognized strong individual efforts from Christine Anneberg, Tysie Sawyer, Sarah Cote, and Natalie Wadsworth '01. "The team is still incomplete," said Dolan, who hopes time and practice will erase the team's early inconsistencies."

Hopefully the squad will be able to work out the early kinks tomorrow when it faces K.U.A., a squad it narrowly defeated 11-10 last year, at home tomorrow at 4 p.m. in its first real game of the season.

Strong Attack Powers Girls' Lacrosse Squad Over KUA; Uppers Harmeling, Macmillan Lead Offensive Charge

by Joe Ankeles
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover	13
K.U.A.	2

Andover	10
N.M.H.	10

Following last week's disappointing scrimmage loss to St. Mark's, the varsity girls' lacrosse team knew that it would have to implement some new strategies and maintain a positive attitude if it were going to compete against two of the consistently best teams in New England, Kimball Union and Northfield-Mount Hermon, in its first real games of the season.

K.U.A.

On Saturday afternoon a vastly improved Andover team soundly defeated the visiting Kimball Union Academy in its opening game of the season 13-2. The Blue showed dominance in many facets of the game, beating the Wildcats to nearly every loose ball and completing a majority of passes. Andover also received an impressive performance in goal from team captain Chase Wessling '99.

Coming off a tough 10-7 scrimmage loss to St. Marks last week, Andover looked to open its season with a decisive win. The team had been practicing throughout the week and, according to coach Kate Dolan, it showed many signs of improvement. "[The players] improved like night and day," said Dolan, who later added that their improvements in settling the offense and developing a transition game evennually allowed them to come together as a team.

The Blue by quickly scoring four unanswered goals. After Rachel Burnes '99 drew first blood on an early offensive rush, Ashley Harmeling '00 increased the lead by taking a rocket pass from Kate Macmillan '00 and beating the KU. Harmeling figured in on the next goal with a feed to Christine Anneberg '00. Andover's fourth goal came as Macmillan skillfully faked out both defensemen and the goalie, who could offer little resistance to her creative rush.

Soon after KU scored what would be its only goal of the half, Vanessa Locks '01 added yet another goal. Lauren Anneberg '01, who was making her return from a knee injury, closed out the first half of the Blue's scoring spree, sending a disappointed KU squad into the half down 6-1.

When asked about her half time comments to the team, coach Dolan explained how she urged the squad to keep up its intensity level, keep together, and settle into a perimeter passing game.

Macmillan wasted no time in increasing the lead when she again danced by all the defensemen and found the back of the net for her second goal of the game. Macmillan then assisted on another Harmeling goal, pushing the score to 8-1. Susannah Richardson continued the blowout, firing a quickstick from Harmeling into the top corner of the net. Macmillan then completed a hat trick, bringing Andover into double digits. Kimball Union added its second and final goal and was then denied by Wessling on a penalty shot, killing any possible hope of a Wildcat comeback. Katie Davies

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Christine Anneberg '00 has been driving force in the midfield fo the Blue this season.

'00 added an eleventh goal after taki a pass from Anneberg, who then pott her second goal on a quick feed fro Macmillan. Richardson closed out t scoring in the final seconds of t game for her second goal.

In speaking about the Blue impressive performance, Coach Dola praised her team's ability to constantl maintain control of the ball by givi up few careless turnovers and comple ing passes. When asked about her ca tain's performance in goal, Dolan sai "She was a calming presence out ther and I'm glad that she was able to sta in the game mentally." The entire tea expressed excitement about the mar improvements and was quite optimist about the upcoming game on Wednes day afternoon at NMH.

N.M.H.

The girls in blue next traveled t Northfield-Mount Hermon,where the earned an inspiring 10-10 tie against very strong Hogger team. The Blu trailed for nearly the entire game,b was led in its comeback by countles saves from Wessling and a high-pow

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Big Win, Come-from-Behind Tie Build Blue's Momentum

SOLID WEEK FOR LAX

Girls' Team Continues Success by Tying #1 Team in NE

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ered offense from Burnes, Harmeling and Macmillan. In addition, the defense was especially potent in the second half, allowing only three goals. NMH came into the game finding itself ranked #1 in the New England league's power rating chart with a 3-0 record.

The first half of the game began on a grim note, as Andover, tired after a long bus ride, quickly gave up three goals in the first ten minutes of play. The goals were scored off an unnecessary penalty and two transition turnovers. The intensity of the game took time to infect the Andover squad, which was initially luckless in generating offense. Macmillan finally got the ball rolling when she found the back of the net on a trailing pass from Bernadette Doykos '00. For the next seven minutes of play Andover was able to maintain pressure in the NMH defensive zone and was rewarded with a Harmeling goal on a pass from Anneberg. The final ten minutes of the half were controlled by the Hoggers, who boosted their lead to 7-2. With only forty-five seconds remaining in the half, Burnes was able to beat the NMH goalie on a penalty shot, bringing the half to a positive close.

The girls, whose half-time cheer was "intensity," scored three goals in the first five minutes of the half. Macmillan and Harmeling both scored after a skillful interception from Hillary Fitzpatrick '00. Anneberg brought the Blue to within one after taking a Macmillan pass off an NMH penalty. The Hoggers briefly regained their two goal lead on a fast break play, but Macmillan added her third goal soon after. The unrelenting Hoggers scored yet again, but Harmeling continued to keep the Blue close when she scored her third goal as well. The comeback was capped by a strong individual effort from Burnes, who earned her second and crucial tying goal, and Macmillan, who briefly gave Andover its first lead of the game when she scored her fourth goal on a Harmeling pass. The lead was short lived, however, as NMH scored one final time with three minutes left in the game. As the final minutes of the half ticked away, however, the Andover defense stepped up its already tenacious checking game and was able to silence all last minute attacks. Following the game Macmillan, Andover's leading goal scorer with seven regular season goals, said she was happy with the tie and called it a "moral victory."

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Susannah Richardson '00 contributed two goals in the girls' lacrosse team's 13-2 drubbing of KUA Saturday.

OFFENSIVE EXPLOSION SPURS GIRLS' LAX WIN; HARMELING '00 TIES ANDOVER ASSIST RECORD

by Joe Ankeles
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover	**15**
Holderness	**4**

After a thrilling come-from-behind tie last week at the number-one ranked Northfield-Mount Hermon school, Andover continued its early success with a 15-4 home victory over the Holderness Bulls.

The Blue, which dominated the entire game, received another yeoman-like effort from goalie and captain Chace Wessling '99, who finished the game with over eight quality saves. The major offensive contributions came once again from Kate Macmillan '00 (*Phillipian* Sports Editor) and Ashley Harmeling '00. Macmillan notched six goals and one assist, while Harmeling had three goals and two assists. The defense, which proved nearly impervious, was highlighted by its ability to both prevent the breakaway and shadow Holderness' top forwards.

The outcome of the game became crystal clear not long after the opening whistle, as the Blue quickly scored four unanswered goals due to Holderness turnovers and the quick hands of Christine Anneberg '00 on the midfield draws. Only twenty seconds into play, Harmeling took a pass from Macmillan and beat the Holderness goalie with a low shot. Just over two minutes later, Macmillan scored a goal of her own with help from an Anneberg pass. Megan Hayes '00 continued the scoring flurry by beating the goalie on a penalty shot and later feeding Harmeling, who earned her second goal of the day.

Ten minutes into the half, Holderness finally countered with a fast break goal. The Blue, unfazed by the momentary lapse, continued its shellacking of the opposition with two more goals from Macmillan. The first goal came after a pass from Harmeling, while the second was the result of a very strong individual effort in front of the net.

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Christine Anneberg '00 turned in a strong performance in Wednesday's 15-4 drubbing of Holderness.

Holderness then brought the ball downfield and capitalized on a penalty situation, bringing the score to 6-2. The Bulls would not score again in the half, as Andover kept the play in their offensive zone. Demonstrating a notable improvement in their perimeter passing game, the Blue eventually worked the ball to Anneberg, who scored her first goal of the game. The girls also showed their prowess in penalty situations when Susannah Richardson '00 masterfully fired a bullet pass to Harmeling just after the whistle to begin play had sounded. With only thirty seconds left, Rachel Burnes '99 closed out the first half scoring by rushing past her defenders on a fast break and using her momentum to fire a blistering shot past the Bulls' goalie. The game was well in hand as a jubilant Andover team ended the first half up by a whopping 9-2.

The second half began with a two minute span of intensive pressure from the Holderness squad. Although the Blue defense did a good job of limiting the their opponent's pass options, the Bulls eventually broke through for a goal. About seven minutes later, Andover's offensive came alive yet again. Macmillan scored the next three goals in only four minutes. Her first two came from Burnes passes while the third arrived off a feed from Harmeling. With her second assist of the game, Harmeling officially tied the school record for most career assists (34). Harmeling will most likely break the record, initially set by Mary Barensfeld '97, tomorrow against Taft.

With ten minutes remaining in the game, Natalie Wadsworth '01 was able to notch her first career goal as a member of the Blue after receiving a pass from Lauren Anneberg '01. The assist for Anneberg was her first at Andover.

As the clock ticked down to only five minutes, Hayes converted on a penalty shot, stretching the Andover

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Girls' Lacrosse Advances to 2-0-1

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lead to 14-3. A minute later, Holderness scored its final goal of the game off a transition fast break. Andover closed out the scoring with a goal from midfielder Venessa Locks '01 with only forty-three seconds left in the game.

Although the Andover offense was the big story of the game, the defense came through at nearly every opportunity. When asked about their sold performance, Wessling praised the gritty checking from both Anna Valeo '00 and Anna Lewis '00 as well as the entire defensive effort in covering the Bulls' leading scorer. "Sarah Cote '00 did an excellent job blocking [the many offensive rushes]," added Wessling. Cote indeed showed a great deal of skill as she used her speed and well-timed checks to keep the ball out of the opponents sticks for the duration of the game.

With a three game unbeaten streak now under its belts, the Blue (2-01) is riding a wave of confidence and hopes to continue this successful season on the road against major Connecticut rival Taft, to whom the squad fell 10-12 in overtime last year. The Taft School is currently ranked fourth in the New England League power rankings with a record of three wins and two losses. Andover is currently ranked tenth. If the squad's recent offensive outputs offer any indication of what it is capable of, tomorrow's game will be a shootout between two of the top teams in New England.

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Susannah Richardson '00 drives on her hapless Holderness defender.

Chace Wessling '99

" After Chace's first two saves against Holderness, they were simply intimidated by her presence in goal."
—Head Lacrosse Coach Kate Dolan

by Anna Valeo
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS ASSOCIATE

Having outscored its opponents 38-16, on two occasions by more than ten goals, the girls' varsity lacrosse team is off to one of its strongest starts in years. Though much of this success can be attributed to a highly potent offense and a stingy defense, the heart of the team really stands between the pipes.

Andrea Wessling, known to her friends as Chace, has been a varsity lacrosse goalie since she came to Andover as a lower. After two winning seasons and an AISGA championship, she was elected to captain the lacrosse team this season. Not only is Wessling a talented lacrosse player but in the words of her coach Kate Dolan, "It is so obvious Chace just loves the game, you can tell by her face when she is in goal-it's genuine."

Chace grew up in Hingham, a small suburb on the South Shore of Boston. She attended Derby Academy, a small private school in Hingham. As a seventh grader, Chace started playing Field Hockey, Lacrosse and Ice Hockey. She began as a field player on her middle school lacrosse team but two years later found her strength lay not in running but in goalkeeping.

Following the ninth grade, Chace decided to apply to Andover because she was craving a larger place with more diversity and athletics of a higher caliber.

On the fields, Chace found just what she was looking for — competitive teams where she could improve as a player. As a member of both the Varsity Field Hockey and Lacrosse teams and Captain of JV Ice Hockey, Chace is a leader all three seasons a year.

So far this season, the girls' varsity lacrosse team has been ranked as high as fourth in New England. As team captain Chace has played an intricate role in the squad's success. From her position in goal, Chace has a commanding view of the entire field. Being goalie and captain is an uncommon combination but Chace says there is "no better position on the field to play." According to coach Kate Dolan, "When Chace is confident she has such a presence about her. Few people can love being goalie. It's a tough position to play but I think with Wessling in goal and the midfield minimizing turnovers things should take care of themselves this season."

Looking ahead Chace remarked, "I want us to be number one and go to the tournament with a high rank." Her season's aspirations do not seem far from the team's reach, especially after last Wednesday's 10-10 tie against the number-one-ranked team in New England, NMH.

Chace's strong performance Wednesday against a weaker Holderness team ensured the Blue a near-shutout victory. As a result of her aggressive blocks from the edge of the crease, Chace robbed Holderness of over ten shots by the end of the 15-4 victory. After the game, Coach Dolan noted, " When she stays right with the shooter the save is always there. After her first two saves against Holderness, they were simply intimidated by her presence in goal."

On the field, Chace finds coach Dolan constructively demanding in ways different from last year's coach, Kathy Henderson. "Kate really expects us to be more physically in tune. It is definitely working. We pretty much out-run everyone. Mentally and physically, Kate keeps us in great condition."

For Chace, Kate Dolan is not only her coach for every season but also her advisor and house counselor. Kate and Chace's relationship definitely extends off the field. As Chace put it, "lacrosse and Adams North are the two reasons I stay here." Off the field, last year proved a challenging one for Chace. Struggling with problems at home was not easy for the three year senior, but with the support of her "Adams family" and the focus she gained from her coach, Chace emerged a leader.

When not playing lacrosse, Chace is a co-head for the Gay Straight Alliance. This year the club is celebrating its twentieth anniversary as the oldest GSA in the country. On Chace's leadership for the GSA, faculty advisor Susan Perry noted "Chace has a wonderful way as leader of our group. We can't do it without her."

During her summers, Chace participates in the Massachusetts Bay State Games, and the Bagattaway Lacrosse program at Babson College. This summer she hopes to play for a New England club team. When asked why she plays lacrosse, Chace answered "it's the absolute beauty of the sport, it just looks good. I like lacrosse better than Field Hockey because I think it requires more skill. Some of the coolest people I've met are lacrosse players."

Next year Chace plans to take a year off, but hopes to continue playing sports in college. Whatever her time away from Andover may bring, her success and leadership on the Lacrosse field here will be remembered long after she's left.

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Susannah Richardson '00, seen here driving on a KUA defender, was a force in the midfield for the Blue this season.

Girls' Lax Falls to Taft 10-11; Bounces Back Against BB&N

by Joe Ankeles
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Taft	11
Andover	10
Andover	12
BB&N	9

With the momentum swinging in its favor and a three game unbeaten streak capped by a 15-4 victory over Holderness on April 21, the Andover girls' lacrosse team hoped to continue its success with a game at tough Connecticut rival Taft (3-2) and a home contest against BB&N (3-2-1). Last season the Blue suffered a heartbreaking 10-12 overtime loss to Taft but earned a decisive 13-4 win over BB&N.

TAFT

Last Saturday, the Blue traveled to Watertown, Connecticut where it fell it the Taft School by a score of 11-10. The loss was only the first of the season and brings the girls' record to 2-1-1. The reason for the close score rested solely on the shoulders of goalie and captain Chace Wessling '99, who heroically showed why she was named Athlete of the Week in the last issue of *The Phillipian*. Wessling came up with an uncanny 32 saves and kept the Blue within striking distance throughout the entire game. On the offensive front, attacker Ashley Harmeling '00 once again provided the punch, scoring five goals and breaking the school's assists record with her lone helper on Andover's first goal of the game.

The final score by itself made the game seem quite a bit closer than it actually was. The combination of aggressive play and stifling defense from Taft and the Blue's inability to maintain possession of the ball and contain the Big Red's leading scorer, who came away with 6 goals, proved to be the death of the Andover squad. Throughout the game, Taft seemed the dominant force, winning over most of the loose balls, creating countless turnovers, and winning many of the mid-field draws. Noted one long time observer of the game, "This is the toughest team Andover will face all season."

"They really capitalized on our mistakes," said Coach Kate Dolan of the Taft squad. On the subject of turnovers, Dolan called her team's performance "uncharacteristic" and partially blamed the team's inability to complete long outlet passes. "We need to make more high percentage short passes," added Dolan. Indeed, the lack of ball control was a direct cause of the failure to create the instant goal from fast break rushes. When Andover did create its few offensive rushes, it showed superior shot placement and scored on each of its ten shots.

The game began with a bad omen as Taft drew first blood only eleven seconds into the game. One minute after that, Christine Anneberg '00 cut to the goal while receiving a Harmeling pass and smartly beat the Taft goalie, giving Harmeling the long sought school assist record. The Big Red, however, needed only thirty seconds to recapture the lead. The exchange of firepower in the early minutes continued as Kate Macmillan '00 retied the game at two. Harmeling chimed in with a goal of her own after the Blue gained possession off the draw. Taft then stretched its lead to 6-3 over the next few minutes. For the final ten minutes of the half, Andover, with help from Wessling, was somehow able to shut down the Big Red. After goals from Macmillan and

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Girl's Lacrosse Falls to 3-1-1 on Season with Loss to Taft

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Harmeling, the Blue ended the half down by only one goal.

After an initial second half stalemate, brought about by more Wessling heroics, Taft finally broke through and stretched its lead to 5-7. As in the first half, the scoring continued to alternate. The blue received another score from Harmeling, but gave up a goal only thirty seconds later. Rachel Burns '99 brought the Blue again to within one by making a spectacular mid-field rush and beating the goalie in mid-air. A goal from Harmeling briefly tied the score, but Taft continued its onslaught and retook the lead. Harmeling, refusing to give up, tied the score again with her fifth goal.

Andover looked poised to squeak by with a win when Macmillan, standing directly in front of the net pushed the score to 10-9 by blasting a shot by the goalie with only seven minutes to play. Unfortunately, the Blue were simply unable to hang on to their lead, as two turnovers allowed Taft to tie and take the lead for good.

When later asked to describe the game, Wessling commented, "It was a frustrating game. Every time we scored, they would score right back."

"As a whole we were off. We lost our composure. The seniors and returning players need to want that ball under pressure, and we need to be able to hold those leads," said an unhappy but unfazed Dolan of her team the next day. The girls remain positive and hope to bounce back from their struggling performance with a win on Wednesday against BB&N.

BB&N

After a difficult road loss to Taft, the Andover Blue, for the first time this season, was faced with the weighty task of overcoming adversity and not slipping into a losing streak. The girls passed this critical test of character with flying colors, earning a well deserved win over BB&N 12-9. The story of the game was Andover's much improved 'bend but not break' defense, led by an exceptional performance from veteran defender Anna Valeo '00. The possession game was also won by the Blue, with strong efforts Anne Bernard '00 and Christine Anneberg, who collectively won over eighty percent of the mid-field draws. The offense played a balanced game and received strong contributions from Tysie Sawyer '99 (2 assists), Harmeling (4 goals and 3 assists), Macmillan (3 goals), and Anneberg (3 goals).

Despite playing a highly physical game with motivation from their spirited head coach, who seemed quite similar in manner to the infamous Bobby Knight, BB&N could not overcome the will of the Andover squad. "The team did a great job with transitions [from defense to offense]," said a pleased coach Dolan on her team's improvement. "We played smarter this time," added leading goal scorer Macmillan.

The contest began much like the Taft game had, with an early goal by BB&N on a penalty situation. Fortunately for the Blue, this was to be the Knights' only lead of the game. Only three minutes after being scored on, Andover tied the game after Rachel Burns made one of her patented rushes downfield, beat her defensemen, and fired the ball past a powerless Knights' goalie. Less than a minute later, Sawyer centered a pass to Harmeling who gave the Blue the lead. Harmeling then fed Macmillan who beat the goalie on a low quickstick. BB&N continued to fight and scored two goals to tie the score at three with only 2:58 remaining in the half. In those final three minutes of the half, Andover benefited from a four goal offensive burst, giving the Blue a lead they would never relinquish. After a scramble off the mid-field draw, Harmeling was able to work the ball to Anneberg who took a quick shot and fooled the goalie. Another draw win by the Blue allowed Harmeling to rush up field, fake out her defenders, and drive to the net for her second goal of the game. Harmeling scored yet again after Bernadette Doykos '00 found her all alone with an excellent pass under pressure. Harmeling had all the time in world and was able to wind up her shot and dazzle the goalie with a bullet into the upper part of the net. On a late penalty call, Katie Davies '00 read the play well and passed up a shot to find a wide open Anneberg who cashed in on the easy goal and sent a renewed and happy Andover team into the half up by a score of 7-3.

The second half began with another aggressive start by the Knights. In the first five minutes, they were able to put together two strong rushes that resulted in goals. It took nearly ten minutes before the Blue offense came alive again. After Andover pressured the Knights defense and set up a passing game, the ball came behind the net to Harmeling, who zipped a quickstick pass to Meghan Hayes '00 right in front of the net. Macmillan boosted the lead to 9-5 after scoring off a penalty. The teams then exchanged fire as the Knights attempted to make a comeback bid. After a successful offensive rush by BB&N, Sawyer found Macmillan, who in turn fired a shot on the ground that just trickled past the goalie. BB&N then scored again off a penalty but dropped the ball in their own zone, allowing Anneberg to capitalize. Anneberg then won the draw and rushed the ball to Harmeling who had no trouble scoring. Wessling then denied a BB&N player on a breakaway to cement the by now inevitable Andover victory. The Knights scored once with six minutes to play and again with a minute and a half left, but Andover was able to run down the clock by stalling and keeping the ball out of BB&N sticks.

When asked about the performance of her defense, Wessling responded, "We needed to work on picking up the players on the fast break, but we were able to cover them tightly once they were in the zone." Indeed the defense did do an excellent job of holding together when the Knights pressured the goal for longer periods of time.

Another offensive plus for the Blue was the continued improvement in the perimeter passing game. Once the attack was able to work the ball into the offensive zone, it often kept it there until they earned a shot on goal. Andover also won the battle of the turnovers, using tight checking all around to continuously frustrate the Knights. With its record now standing at 3-1-1, the Blue continues on its positive trend but will face a tough opponent away at Tabor tomorrow. If the team's improvement continues at the pace it has, the Blue will be more than a match for any of its formidable opponents.

Ashley Harmeling '00 scored nine goals in two games as the Blue went 1-1 on this mixed week.

Girls' Lax Downs Tabor and GDA; Rolls to 5-1-1 Record on the Season

by Joe Ankeles
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Andover	**16**
Tabor	**10**
Andover	**12**
GDA	**11**

Coming off a win over BB&N, the Blue looked to show that it was a legitimate contender by earning victories over Tabor and GDA. Last season, the team split its season with Tabor, winning 15-10 and later losing 11-9. The Blue did not play GDA last season.

Tabor

Last Saturday, the Andover girls continued their drive toward another championship with a strong 16-10 victory over Tabor. Defense and goaltending were the story for the Blue, which received a 21 save performance from goalie and captain Chace Wessling '99 and a solid defensive effort from defenders Hillary Fitzpatrick '00 and Laura Sanders '00. The offensive punch was provided yet again by leading goal scorer Kate Macmillan '00 (six goals and an assist), assist leader Ashley Harmeling '00 (two goals and three assists), and Christine Anneberg '00 (three goals and an assist). When asked about the keys to the Andover victory, coach Kate Dolan explained, "We broke the ball out well with the help of Chace's clears. In fact, this was probably our best game in terms of clearing the ball out [of the defensive zone]."

The contest began on a shaky note when Tabor won the opening draw and scored on a breakaway. The Andover offense soon woke up, however, after a scramble in front of the net allowed Harmeling to tie the game. Andover then took its first lead of the game after Rachel Burnes '99 checked the ball away from the Tabor defender, allowing Macmillan to collect the ground ball and fire a shot by the goalie. Tabor then tied the game and soon took a 3-2 lead after winning key mid-field draws. The Seawolves continued to keep possession and were allowed to set up yet another goal, bringing the score to 2-4. With a quick pass to a wide open Macmillan, Meghan Hayes '00 helped bring Andover to within one. Tabor, however, stretched its lead a second time when a questionable yellow card on Wessling forced her to wait helplessly outside her goal while the Seawolves took a free shot. Tabor scored again, but was then silenced until the final minutes of the half. The Blue comeback began with three straight Macmillan goals; the first from an individual rush, the second from a long Harmeling pass, and the third from a penalty call. Macmillan then used another penalty to feed an open Anneberg, who gave the Blue a permanent lead at 7-6. In the final ten minutes of the half, Harmeling scored her second goal on a rush from midfield

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Rachel Burnes '99 drives up the sideline in Andover's close 12-11 victory over GDA Wednesday.

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Strong Offense Powers Girls' Lax to 16-10, 12-11 Victories

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and then fed a long pass to Anneberg from the top of the arc, giving the Blue a three goal lead. Tabor scored with under a minute in the half, but the Blue had the last word when Anneberg sent the draw toward Harmeling, who beat her defenders and the goalie.

Andover began the second half with a quick strike as Burnes wriggled by her defenders and dazzled the goalie. Tabor scored off the ensuing draw and then scored again by keeping pressure on the Blue defense. At this point, the Blue possession game came alive as the girls took their time with ball and stifled all Tabor attempts to set up a goal. A penalty then allowed Anneberg to score her third goal. The Blue continued to shut down Tabor, which added only one more goal with eight minutes remaining. Harmeling then scored after dashing out from behind the net, and Burnes continued her solid game by picking up her own dropped pass and faking out the goalie. In the final minute of play, Harmeling fed Hayes for her first goal of the game. Macmillan closed out the scoring when Anneberg intercepted a pass and found her all alone.

Said a happy Dolan, "We started to double team their offense more effectively when we were down 4-2." With a big win against one of the league's stronger teams, the girls proved their competitive ability and hoped their success would continue in their upcoming contest against GDA.

GDA

On Wednesday, the Blue extended its win streak to three and brought its overall record to 5-1-1 with a narrow 12-11 victory over GDA. The close score came as a result of periodic defensive lapses around the goal and a sub-par officiating job by the referees. Even with the untimely defensive breakdowns, however, it was the individual efforts of the Andover defenders that won the game for the Blue. Together Anna Valeo '00, Tysie Sawyer '99, Sarah Cote '00, and Hillary Fitzpatrick '00 forced nearly twenty turnovers, resulting in goals. The offense was provided by Harmeling, with five goals and three assists, and Anneberg, who had four goals and an assist. As usual, Wessling assured the Blue a shot at winning with a solid thirteen save performance.

The contest began with pressure from GDA, who quickly broke through with a goal. Anneberg tied the game one minute later after taking a pass from Susannah Richardson '00 and dancing by her defenders. GDA retook the lead after a Blue mistake in front of the net. An unrelenting Anneberg quickly retied the game by picking up a loose rebound, reaching over her defender's shoulder, and whistling a low shot by the goalie. Moments later, after setting up a patient perimeter passing game, Harmeling found the speedy Fitzpatrick cutting in from the top of the arc. She took the ball by her surprised defenders and rolled a bouncing shot past the goalie. Harmeling then found Anneberg with a quickstick pass from her favorite perch behind the net. GDA then rallied for three more goals, giving them a 4-5 lead. Macmillan then forced a turnover, allowing Richardson to bury an easy shot. Harmeling then found Anneberg for another quickstick goal, retaking the lead for the Blue. GDA scored once more in the half, but Harmling closed out the scoring with two more goals. The first came on a rush from midfield, while the second came from a sneaky rush from behind the opposing goal.

The second half opened with two quick GDA goals, tying the game at eight. Macmillan then scored her only goal of the game after reaching over her defender and firing a sinking shot. GDA tied the game once more but was quickly thwarted by a streaking Cote, who dashed from midfield all the way behind the net and found a cutting Harmeling. Harmeling then scored again after coming out from behind the net. GDA scored with eight minutes to play, but continued to trial 11-10. Harmleing then scored the eventual game winner after Anneberg forced a defensive turnover and fed her the ball. GDA scored once more on a penalty, but the Blue held on to the ball in the offensive zone with short, crisp passes away from the defenders. The last-minute heroics of defensemen Natalie Wadsworth '01 thwarted four different GDA attempts to clear the ball from its own zone, and the game ended fittingly with a Blue interception at midfield.

On the defensive performance, Fitzpatrick explained, "We were able to deny them the ball and stop their passing game [in the offensive zone]." Coach Dolan was also impressed with the Blue victory. "I think we underestimated them at the beginning," said Dolan, "but with Anne Bernard taking the draws and Kate Macmillan's pressure on the ball, we were able to win."

The Blue, having beaten some of the better teams in the league, now face another tough opponent in Thayer Academy tonight at 7:00 under the lights. With momentum in their favor, continued improvements in all areas of the game, and a large home crowd, the girls certainly have what they need to win.

POTENT OFFENSE, STINGY DEFENSE BOOST GIRLS' LAX

IMPROVES TO 7-1-1

Team Goes Unbeaten, On Week Downing Thayer, Winsor

by Joe Ankeles
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover	16
Thayer	13
Andover	10
Winsor	4

With recent victories over Tabor and GDA, the girls' lacrosse team has emerged as one of New England's more dominant teams. With the squad's unbeaten streak at three, the girls looked to gain even more momentum for the upcoming Eastern Independent League tournament with victories over Thayer and Winsor. Last season, the Blue defeated Winsor 11-6 but did not face Thayer due to cancellation.

Thayer

Last Saturday the Blue endured the rainy skies and extended its win streak to four with a hard fought 16-13 victory over the Thayer Academy Tigers under the lights. Along with goalie and captain Chace Wessling's '99 many game saving stops, Andover's attack truly came alive. Attacker Kate Macmillan '00 once again led all players in points with five goals and one assist, while center Christine Anneberg '00 continued her strong play with five goals of her own. Other strong offensive performances came from assist leader Ashley Harmeling '00 (2 goals 3 assists), veteran Tysie Sawyer '99 (2 goals), Katie Davies '00 (1 assist), Anne Bernard '00, and Meghan Hayes '00. The key to this slippery shootout was the fast break rush, which both teams exploited for the majority of their goals. "It was a tough back and forth game," said Wessling, who once again provided the Blue with the opportunity to win.

The game began ominously with an early opposition goal only a minute after the opening whistle. Macmillan soon tied the game, but Thayer gained the lead once more with a fast break goal. The roller coaster first half continued as Harmeling and Macmillan scored within two minutes of each other to give Andover a 3-2 lead. Thayer quickly retied the game, only to be thwarted by two powerful Macmillan rushes. The Tigers answered by scoring three fast break

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goals, but Macmillan continued her dominating play in the offensive zone and beat the goalie to retie the score. Thayer scored two more goals in the half and brought the score to 8-5. A flurry of five answered Blue goals in the last four minutes of play proved to be the game's turning point. Anneberg, who had been quiet thus far in the half, brought her game up a notch and scored two goals, both on well-placed blistering shots. Sawyer cashed in on two goals of her own and gave the Blue an 11-8 lead at the half.

The second half was clearly more of a defensive-minded effort as each team allowed only five goals. The half opened with a goal from Thayer, but Andover continued to clamp down with goals from Anneberg, Bernard, and Harmeling. Thayer then scored three more goals, but the comeback bid was thwarted by a goal from Hayes. The next ten minutes saw Andover masterfully control the ball with a much improved perimeter passing game. Thayer scored a final time, but the game was capped by Andover when a leaping Anneberg rifled a quickstick from Harmeling by the frustrated division-one-bound goalie.

Said coach Kate Dolan in post game reaction, "Our set-up defense was good, but our defense on fast breaks really needed work. When Anne Bernard was able to win the draws, that helped prevent the fast break." With the win the girls were given yet another boost in morale and now turn their attention to their Wednesday contest at Winsor.

Winsor

Amidst the many noises of the city, the Blue pulled off a solid Wednesday afternoon victory at Winsor 10-4. As the score shows, the game was a battle of both defense and goaltending, rather than the blitzkrieg shoot out against Thayer. Both Anna Valeo '00 and Anna Lewis '00 were masterful at thwarting the Winsor rushes, while Sarah Cote '00, Merri Hudson '01, and Hillary Fitzpatrick '00 kept the ball out of opposing sticks with superior ball control. In addition Vanessa Locks '01, who played her first game as defender, took to the position like a fish to water with her many well timed checks. As usual Wessling continued her exceptional season in goal with a solid 14 save performance.

The game opened with an Andover goal after Anneberg easily won the draw to Harmeling who beat Winsor's towering goalie on a fast break rush. Two minutes later, Rachel Burnes '99 fed a wide open Macmillan who rifled a long but hard ground ball shot by the goalie. Brief Winsor pressure cut the lead to 2-1, but a penalty allowed Harmeling to restore the two goal margin. Moments later Macmillan fed Harmeling, who again forced the ball by the goalie right in front of the net. Harmeling continued to drive the Andover offense as she fed Anneberg in mid air for a quickstick goal. With only a thirty seconds left in the half, Anneberg returned the favor by finding Harmeling, who made a hesitation fake on her defender and fooled the helpless goalie.

The second half began with a Winsor goal off a penalty with five minutes gone by. The next eleven minutes saw Andover demonstrate a dominant ability maintain possession of the ball with crisp passing around the offensive perimeter. Finally Burnes picked up a ground ball in front of the net, held off her two defenders, and found an open spot to shoot at. After the draw was won for Harmeling, it took only three seconds for her find Hayes with a quickstick pass. Winsor scored its final two goals, but Andover continued on the winning path as Anneberg drew the attention of three defensemen and found Macmillan away from the play. A ground ball pickup allowed Hayes to close out the Andover scoring with her second goal of the game.

"We were simply more skilled than they were," said a confident Wessling of the team's defensive effort, "and we stopped their ability to makes plays and role in the crease." With the girls' record now standing at a very impressive 7-1-1, the Blue looks to have a championship performance in tomorrow's tournament at Newton Country Day. Good luck Andover!

D. Kurs/ *The Phillipian*

Defender Hillary Fitzpatrick '00 drives upfield.

GIRLS' LAX TAKES N.E. TITLE

Outscores Opponents 57-25 in Week's Four Games

by Joe Ankeles
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover	13
Middlesex	8

Andover	15
Groton	3

Coming off solid wins over Thayer and Winsor last week, a 7-1-1 Andover team headed into the Eastern Independent League invitational tournament in Newton, MA as the number one seed.

It was truly a day of both celebration and fulfillment for the Big Blue as Andover rose above its competition by winning the Eastern Independent League invitational tournament to become the unofficial Eastern New England champions. The girls were able to win the tournament with a 15-5 clobbering of first round opponent Milton, a well earned 14-9 victory over physical semifinallst Dana Hall, and a 13-8 superior team effort against third seed Middlesex in the finals.

With unity in their game play, the girls brought all areas of their game to a level far above their competition. On defense it was once again the indomitable core of Hillary Fitzpatrick '00, Anna Valeo '00, and Sarah Cote '00, who were together able to force over thirty turnovers during the tournament. Said goalie and captain Chace Wessling '99 of her defense, "They were very aggressive, made strong checks, and were able to knock down many passes." Coach Kate Dolan added, "Chace made a lot of important saves." Indeed Wessling was once again an integral part of the Andover victory with a stifling 34-save tournament performance.

Throughout the tournament, the attack achieved success by receiving contributions from nearly all offensive players. "Everyone on this team is capable of scoring," explained winger Ashley Harmeling '00. Said coach Dolan, "In the final, Anne Bernard ['00] controlled the draws and was able to shut down [Middlesex's] center and best player. Winning the draws also enabled us to score goals off the fast break." The offense was led by Harmeling (11 goals and 10 assists on the day), Kate Macmillan '00 (12-4), and Christine Anneberg '00 (8-4). Other strong offensive efforts came from Megan Hayes '00 (3-2), Katie Davies '00 (3-1), Susannah Richardson '00 (2-0), Lauren Anneberg '01 (1-1), Bernadette Doykos '00 (1-0), and Tysie Sawyer '99 (0-1).

The opening game against 8th-seed Milton began on an optimistic note as both Harmeling and Hayes scored on rushes. After a Milton goal, Anneberg fired a shot that deflected to Harmeling for an open shot. Moments later, Anneberg fed Macmillan who buried a low shot. Bernard then won the draw to Harmeling who found Anneberg alone with the goalie. After a second Milton goal, both Anneberg sisters were able to rush by their defensemen for fast break goals. Davies closed out the scoring for the half with a goal.

Milton opened the second half with a goal to cut the lead to 8-4, but the Andover scoring drive continued as Harmeling drew away three defenders, leaving Macmillan alone for the easy score. Harmeling then scored herself off a run from behind the net. She continued her dominance with a no look pass to a cutting Macmillan, who fired a hard shot behind the goalie. After Macmillan and L. Anneberg each fed C. Anneberg for a goal, a hole in the net prevented the referees from seeing an apparent goal from Vanessa Locks '01.

After a picnic by the field, the Blue squared off against Dana Hall. Andover once more scored first as Sawyer found Harmeling right off the draw. Dana Hall refused to be taken lightly and soon took a 2-1 lead. The Blue however would trail no more after Hayes sent Harmeling in on a breakaway to tie the score at 2. Harmeling then found Anneberg, who fired a sinking shot by the goalie. A penalty allowed Macmillan to score off a low shot, and a good defensive clear gave Harmeling another lethal fast break. Dana Hall scored again, but Anneberg found Davies in front of the crease for a goal. Later, after a major penalty, Doykos fired a well placed shot off the post and in for a well deserved goal. Dana Hall scored at the end of the half to bring the score to 7-4.

The second half opened with goals from Anneberg, Hayes, Davies, and Harmeling. Dana Hall then rallied against the tiring Andover squad for five goals and cut the lead to 11-9 with only a minute remaining. A goal by Harmeling and two goals from Macmillan in the final fifty seconds killed any hope of a comeback.

Only minutes after the Dana Hall game, the Blue began its long anticipated final round match against a powerful Middlesex team. After a failed Middlesex rush, Harmeling was able to beat her defenders on the counter attack. Middlesex began a wave of intense pressure on the Blue defense and was able to take a 2-1 lead. A penalty allowed Harmeling to tie the score, but the Middlesex offense continued to press, taking a 4-2 lead with 12 minutes left in the half. The next 18 minutes proved to be the game's turning point, as the girls showed why they were champions by holding Middlesex scoreless and scoring eight straight goals. The first two came from Macmillan on feeds from Anneberg and Harmeling. With only a minute in the half, Andover scored its next three goals in a mere thirty seconds. The first goal came after Macmillan found a cutting Hayes from behind the net. The next goal came after Fitzpatrick created a turnover for Harmeling, who found Anneberg in front of the crease. A draw play then allowed Harmeling to score. The Blue continued its onslaught into the second half with two early Macmillan goals. Moments later, Davies found Richardson. Anneberg scored on a rush from mid-field, and Harmeling found Macmillan twice in the final five minutes. Two futile goals from Middlesex closed out the scoring as the Andover bench celebrated another championship.

When asked if there was any particular skill that had stood out during the three games, Dolan replied, "We were very good with passing and catching and did a much better job controlling the ball and keeping possession." On her team's successful season, Dolan added, "I knew that they were going to be good, but their cohesiveness and treatment of each other has far exceeded my expectations. They've come a long way since their first scrimmage and every player has been able to accept her role on the team."

The Blue continued its success with a recent 15-3 smoldering of Groton. On defense Valeo easily stymied many rushes, while Macmillan (5-0), Harmeling (2-5), and Hayes (3-0) had big games on offense. With the Blue's record now standing at a tremendous 11-1-1, the only game that remains is a critical contest tonight against arch rival Exeter.

A. Macmillan/*The Phillipian*

Christine Anneberg '00 pictured above carrying the ball upfield against Middlesex in the Championship Game. The Girls' Lacrosse team won the game 13-8 and claimed the Eastern Independent League Championship. Its sixth win in seven years, the team improved its record to 11-1-1. The girls next play Friday night against Exeter under the lights on Brothers' Field. ***For full tournament coverage see page 3.***

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SPORT: Softball

YEAR: 1998 - 1999

CAPTAIN: Katherine Otway
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MANAGER:
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COACH: Peter Drench
ASSISTANT COACHES:

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HUBBARD, ERICA A.
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Wed., April 14, 1999	(H)	K.U.A.	2	1	
Sat., April 17, 1999	(A)	Bancroft/N.M.H.	17	0	Ban
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Sat., April 24, 1999	(H)	Cushing/ Tabor/ Nazareth	10	1	Cus
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Wed., April 28, 1999	(H)	Exeter	1	0	
Sat., May 1, 1999	(H)	No. Andover/NHampton	10	0	Ham
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Sat., May 8, 1999	(A)	Deerfield/ Stoneleigh	Canceled		
Wed., May 12, 1999	(H)	Wilmington High	1	5	
Sat., May 15, 1999	(A)	Tournament (Greenfield)	10	6	Will
			8	0	Hopk
Wed., May 19, 1999	(H)	North Reading High School	2	1	
Fri., May 21, 1999	(H)	St. Paul's	6	1	
Sat., May 22, 1999	(A)	Exeter	0	1	

Softball Win Lifts Hopes For Yet Another Dominant Season

by Bridget Cook and Mark Ottariano
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITERS

Andover	**3**
Lowell HS	**2**

The Girl's varsity softball team, coming off a great 15-1 season, hopes to repeat their success this season with eight players returning to the squad. In addition, seven new faces will hopefully fill the gaps left by last year's graduated seniors. Coach Peter Drench once again leads the team with returning upper Katherine Otway as this year's captain. PG Heather Graul said "Mr. Drench has a lot of experience and Otway is a great role model on the field and off." Returning seniors Joisan Decker, Rebecca Godsill, and Marlena Martinez add experience to a young team. They, along with the five other returning members, will hopefully provide leadership to the new younger players on the team.

er as they did this past week, Andover's defense should prove to be strong once again.

On Wednesday, the Blue scrimmaged against Lowell High School at Isham Field. Despite the fact that Andover came out on top with a score of 3-2, Lowell High has proved to be one of the better teams in the Merrimack Valley Conference, a very competitive league. Hubbard and Leonard were the pitcher-catcher team and they managed to keep most of Lowell from hitting off of them, by using a few creative pitches and Hubbard's deadly fastball. Lauren Tsai '00, Otway, Hubbard, Leonard, and Graul were the major players in the scoring, as Andover managed to hold a 3-0 lead until the top of the seventh inning when Lowell closed the gap with two

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Softball Looks Strong

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runs. Otway got a hold of a soft infield liner to leave the tying run at second base for the end of the game.

Though fairly young, Andover's nucleus is strong and will depend on its pitching until the offensive power is built up. Hubbard, Graul and Davis all are adding to one of the strongest pitching teams in four years, and catchers Leonard and Judge are both very competent defensively. The middle infield is also very strong, led mainly by Otway and Tsai. Due to the outfield's speed, Breen, Conley, and McCann will be giving the defense a long range. Unfortunately the youth of the starters may be a problem early on in the season, but hopefully the solid pitching will hold the team steady until the rest of the team stabilizes.

The team is looking forward to many upcoming games against many improving prep school rivals and a few public schools. As for now, they have scrimmaged several strong public school teams, which is a good way for the Blue's young team to prepare for the games that count. The team is looking forward to gaining a lot of power as the season progresses, and hopefully continuing last year's dominance. Fortunately, with good coaching and leadership, this lofty goal is attainable. Next week, the team will face Nobel High School on Friday, and Kimball Union Academy next Saturday. This should be an impressive test of the Blue's early-season strength.

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D. Kurs/ *The Phillipian*

Joisan Decker '99 forces a Lowell High School runner out at First Base

D. Kurs/ *The Phillipian*

Lauren Tsai '00 makes a mad dash for second base.

Softball Shut Out In Opener, Edges KUA Team Wednesday

by Patrick Linneman
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Nobel HS	**7**
Andover	**0**
Andover	**2**
K.U.A.	**1**

Andover started their season off against a strong Nobel High School team from Berwick, Maine. The Big Blue suffered a tough loss despite having ace Erica Hubbard '01 on the mound.

Hubbard experienced her first loss of the season, working six innings, allowing three earned runs on five hits, while striking out five. Heather Davis '00, who was recently ill, pitched a great seventh inning allowing just one run. The young Andover squad clearly showed their inexperience, as NHS was quick to capitalize on the weaknesses of the young Andover team.

NHS jumped out to a 1-0 lead after the first inning and scored three more runs in the second. NHS later added three more runs, to cruise a seven to zero win.

On the other hand, Andover's bats were relatively quiet throughout the game, producing a mere four hits. Heather Graul '99, led Andover's offense when she smacked a double and later hit a single. Katherine Leonard '02 and Lauren Tsai '00 also contributed to Andoverís offense, each with a single.

The key to the game was defense. Andover's fielding was a bit shaky, making four errors that led to three unearned runs. Likewise, NHS' solid defense shut down Andover's offense, not allowing any runs. NHS experience and aggressiveness helped to lead them to a victory over the Big Blue.

After the game coach Peter Drench said about the game, "Our team is on the young side, and we might take time to gel, but everybody is working hard to improve." Also, freshman standout Leonard made some positive remarks about the game, saying, "I think that we have a lot of work to do on defense, but after that, we should be well on our way to having a great season."

The team faced Kimball Union Academy on Wednesday, hoping to make some improvements, after its tough opening day loss to NHS. Hubbard returned to the mound on Wednesday, hoping to help the girls win an all-important game. Indeed she did, pitching seven innings and only allowing one run. Smart pitching contributed to the shutdown of the KUA offense.

Defensively, Andover played a much more solid game, only allowing one error, which came late in the game. Lauren Tsai '00 had a great defensive game at shortstop for the Blue.

Andover put two runs on the scoreboard in the fourth inning after Tsai ripped a double and scored. Katherine Leonard '02 reached on a fielder's choice, allowing the second run to score. Tsai also smacked another double while Decker '99 and Graul '99 each contributed with singles. Andover got the big hits when they needed them, which was key in their defeat of KUA, with a final score of 2-1.

Andover suffered a huge loss when Rebecca Godsill '99, who was a likely candidate to start at third base, separated her shoulder in the third practice of the year. Luckily, she is scheduled to return to practice on Tuesday, April 20th and is expected to be playing in the game on Wednesday.

Andover looked much more confident on the field against KUA. This was a very important rebound win for the Big Blue, coming off its crushing seven to zero loss to NHS on Friday. Everybody on the Andover squad played and important role in the much-needed victory.

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Captain Katherine Otway '00 throws to home during Andover's 2-1 win over KUA.

Softball Team Wins Three Straight To Cement A Strong Start to Season

by Patrick Linneman
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover	7
NMH	6
Andover	17
Bancroft	0
Andover	6
PMA	0

After the Andover Softball team edged KUA last Wednesday, it headed to Worchester to play a doubleheader. The Blue's first opponent was NMH, playing Bancroft on the back end of the two game slate. Andover faced a tough NMH team barely pulling off a victory to sneak past the Hoggers, 7-6. Seven innings were not enough to decide this game, though. Andover needed one more inning in which it scored two runs, to finish off a strong the NMH team.

Andover jumped out to a quick 3-0 lead in the top half of the first inning after hits by Erica Hubbard '01, Heather Graul '99, Katherine Leonard '02, and Joisan Decker '99. Aggressive base running allowed the Blue to establish a significant lead. Although the girls got off to a quick start, they were not able to sustain the lead.

Erica Hubbard '01 made her third start at the mound this year for the Blue. A very strong performance by Hubbard helped to lead Andover to a victory. Hubbard went the distance pitching eight innings while striking out seven without walking any NMH hitters. Nonetheless, NMH was able to compile eleven hits, NMH put together hits in the third, sixth, and eighth inning to score one run in each inning and scored three runs in the fifth inning. Each team had trouble handling the ball, as Andover committed seven errors and NMH six.

With the score 5-5 after the seventh inning, the game was decided by an International Tiebreaker. In this form of extra innings, the player who made the final out in the seventh inning started on second base in the eighth. Team captain, Katherine Otway '00, started at second base, reached third on a passed ball and then scored on a sacrifice fly by Hubbard. Andover added one more run in the eighth inning.

After this thrilling victory, Andover played Bancroft, in the second game of the double-header. Heather Davis '00 got the call for Andover, pitching a very strong game. On the offensive side, Andover's bats produced a whopping twelve hits, cruising to a 17-0 victory.

Davis pitched an unbelievable game, completely shutting down Bancroft's offense. Although she only had to pitch five innings because of the mercy-rule, Davis threw a no hitter, striking out eight and walking one.

Offensively, Andover controlled the game. Captain Katherine Otway '00 smacked four hits while Katie Breen '00, Jessica Judge '00, and Davis each registered two hits of their own. Andover once again jumped out to a quick 5-0 lead and had no intention of letting Bancroft back into the game. Marlena Montanez '99 had a solid game at third base, replacing

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Katie Breen '00 steps up to the plate in Wednesday's victory over PMA.

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Softball Rolls to 4-1 with Three Solid Wins

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injured Rebecca Godsill '99, who was able to start in the following game against PMA.

The Big Blue headed back to Andover, with two critical wins under its belt. Heading into this game with a record of 3-1, Andover faced a respectable;e PMA team. Hubbard again took the mound for Andover, looking to improve her record to 3-1. Solid defense was the key to this game as Andover did not commit any errors.

Breen and Graul jump started Andover's offense, reaching base early in the game. Graul would later add to the offense with a double and an RBI. With a 1-0 lead after the first, Andover's solid defense prevented PMA from scoring. Andover would go on to score five more insurance runs later in the game to cruise to a 6-0 win.

With the return of Godsill at third base, Andover played a spectacular defensive game. Without making any errors, Andover looked very strong on the field. Lauren Tsai '00 collected every ball that was hit to her making some great plays on tough grounders. Behind the plate, Katherine Leonard '02 was a wall, blocking all wild pitches as well as throwing out base runners. Leonard also scored one of Andover's runs after aggressive base running. Freshman Kaitlin McCann made some great catches in centerfield, contributing to Andover's solid defense. Hubbard once again shut down the opponent's offense working six strong innings, and recording her third win this season. Davis came on in relief in the seventh inning, striking out the side to help lead Andover to a 6-0 victory.

After recording its fourth win of the season, Andover is looking stronger every game. Next up for the Big Blue is a double header on Saturday in which it will face Cushing and Tabor Academy. Andover will head to New Hampshire to face Exeter next Wednesday. If Andover could pull off a few more wins next week, it will be in great shape heading into the halfway marks of the season.

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Erica Hubbard '01 improved to 3-1 with a strong pitching performance Wednesday.

Softball Clouts Three Opponents, Narrowly Beats Arch-Rival Exeter

by Patrick Linneman
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover	10
Cushing	1
Andover	16
Tabor	1
Andover	1
Exeter	0

The Girls' Softball team extended its winning streak this week, bringing the win total to six straight victories. The girls defeated Exeter on Wednesday in a very close, low scoring affair. Erica Hubbard '01 threw an impressive complete game shutout, effectively shutting down the Exeter offense in the 1-0 victory. On Saturday, the Blue hosted Cushing and Tabor, winning both ends of the two game slate.

In the Blue's contest at Exeter, in what has become the norm in big games, Hubbard got the call once again for Andover, looking to improve her record to 5-1. Andover edged Exeter in a pitchers' duel, as Andover's Katherine Leonard was the only runner to cross the plate. Although Andover produced eight hits, the Blue was only able to score once on an unearned run in the second inning.

Hubbard had a strong outing and came through for Andover when the team needed her. In the first inning, Exeter threatened when a Griffin singled and advanced to third on a dropped fly ball, but was stranded there as Hubbard recorded one of her twelve strike-outs. Exeter was only able to produce two more hits later in the game, as Hubbard pitched seven scoreless innings, recording her fifth win of the season. Hubbard received some help from her teammates in the field. Leonard threw out the only runner that attempted to steal and Otway was solid at second base.

Andover's only run came in the third inning when Leonard doubled, took third on the overthrown ball back to the infield, and scored as the wild throw bounced out of play. Leonard also registered two more singles, as Decker, Graul, Hubbard, Tsai, and Otway all contributed with hits. Despite its eight hits, Andover only managed on run, as the Blue stranded eight runners. The one run was all Andover needed as it won the game by a final score of 1-0. After the game Montanez said, "We had a strong defensive game, with the help of Erica Hubbard, and the team fought hard to the end of the game."

Andover faced Cushing in the first of Saturday's two games, as former president George Bush '42 looked on. Hubbard went the distance for Andover, surrendering only one hit and one unearned run, while striking out nine and walking three. Hubbard got off to a rough start, when Cushing scored on an error in the first, but as the game continued Hubbard dominated the Cushing players. Cushing, who beat Andover 2-1 last year, came out strong in the first, but could not do much after that, as its bats were quickly silenced by overpowering pitching.

Defensively, Andover looked strong, making only three errors. Joisan Decker '99 played well at first consistently digging out low throws. Katie Breen '00 made some great catches in right-field, and captain Katherine Otway '00 was solid defensively as usual.

Producing offense was no problem for the Big Blue who smacked twelve hits and scored ten runs. Leading the way for Andover was Jess Judge '00, who registered three hits and one RBI. Lauren Tsai '00 and Katherine Leonard '02 also contributed, each with two hits and two RBI.

After a strong outing against Cushing, Andover faced Tabor in the second game of the double-header. Once again, Andover cruised to an easy victory, receiving great pitching from Heather Davis '00. As usual Andover jumped out to a quick lead, up six runs after the first inning. From there, the Blue added five runs in the second and five more throughout the rest of the game.

Davis got the call for the second time since last Saturday. Smart pitching has allowed Davis to dominate

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HUBBARD '01 SHUTS OUT EXETER SQUAD

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opponents, who completely shut down Tabor's offense. Davis did not allow any hits, while she struck out seven and walked two. Tabor's only run, which was unearned, came in the third inning. She pitched a spectacular game improving her record to 2-0. Davis has not allowed an earned run in the eleven innings that she has pitched this year.

Once again Andover looked strong offensively creating sixteen runs on twelve hits. Camille Conley '01 led the Andover offense with three hits, two of which were doubles, and had four RBI. Also, Marlena Montanez '99, Katherine Otway, and Judge all chipped in with three RBI each.

Andover improved its record to an impressive 7-1 after Wednesday's victory. Next week Andover faces North Andover High School and New Hampton on Saturday, and then Our Lady of Nazareth Academy on Wednesday.

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Katherine Leonard '02 scores the winning run against Exeter Wednesday.

Softball Sweeps Saturday

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Andover	2
NAHS	0
Andover	10
New Hampton	0

SOFTBALL

Following a dramatic win against Exeter, the softball team stayed home for a double header in which it would face North Andover High School and New Hampton. The Blue looked to extend a seven game winning streak and improve its record to 9-1. Heather Davis '00 took the mound for the Blue in game one.

Uncharacteristically, Andover did not jump out to a quick start as usual. Instead, spectacular pitching held each team scoreless until the sixth inning, when the Andover offense was jumpstarted by consecutive hits. Lauren Tsai '00 started things off when she singled up the middle and then proceeded to steal second base. Team captain Katherine Otway '00 singled to right field, and took second on a throw to the plate that held Tsai at third. With first base open, North Andover elected to pitch to Hubbard. She made them pay for their decision by smacking a single to left field, thus scoring both Tsai and Otway. Andover was unable to pick up Hubbard, however, and she was left stranded at second. The offense was suddenly quieted and the game's only other hits came from Rebecca Godsill '99 and Otway.

Two runs were enough for Davis as she had yet another solid performance. The pitcher went the distance for the team as she completely shut down North Andover's offense. Throughout the course of the game, Davis struck out eleven and did not walk any hitters. The only hit of the game for North Andover came in the seventh inning when a Scarlet Knight smacked a double in the gap, though Davis would not allow any runs. With her latest performance, Davis has not given up an earned run in 19.0 innings of work.

Andover's defense was also flawless, as it did not commit a single error during the contest. Overall, the Blue showed poise and patience throughout the game, and was quick to capitalize on miscues by the Scarlet Knights.

In the second game of the double header, Andover faced New Hampton. On the mound for Andover was Hubbard, who was looking for her sixth win of the season. Hubbard worked five innings and, while only allowing one hit and two walks, did not give up one run.

New Hampton's only hit came in the fifth and final inning on a single. After its lone hit of the game, New Hampton grounded into a 3-3-6, which was started by Joisan Decker '99, to end the game. On the other side, New Hampton's pitcher was roughed up for twelve hits.

Andover leaped out to a quick 2-0 lead after the first inning when Heather Graul '99 smacked a hit that sailed past the centerfielder, driving in Hubbard and Katherine Leonard '02. In the next inning, Godsill singled and moved to third on a wild pitch. Kaitlin McCann '02 laid down a beautiful bunt that scored Godsill and allowed her to reach first base. Tsai continued the offense with a double to left center and Otway walked to load the bases. Hubbard then singled to left, scoring McCann and Tsai, and Andover added two more unearned runs in the second inning. Andover padded its lead with three more runs on hits by Karen Friedlander '01 and Camille Conley '01 en route to a 10-0 victory.

Defensively, the team went error-free for the second game in a row. Friedlander made a nice defensive play on a line drive and Leonard was a wall behind the plate. All in all, Andover's defense has continued to improve along with the powerful offense.

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DRENCH WINS 300TH

Softball Takes Tourney Championship With Four Victories

by Patrick Linnemann
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Andover	2
Deerfield	0
Andover	2
No. Reading	1

After losing to Wilmington last Wednesday, Andover was back on its game in the NMH tournament last weekend, winning all four of its games and thus claiming the championship.

One of these victories was Coach Peter Drench's 300th career win as a high school coach. Andover, the third seed in the tournament, first faced off against Williston-Northampton Saturday afternoon.

Williston-Northampton School

Andover looked a little shaky, committing eight errors, but was able to overcome its mistakes and cruise to a 10-6 victory. Athlete of the Week Heather Davis '00, who has been brilliant all year, had another strong outing, not allowing a single earned run.

Andover rattled the Williston team early in the first inning. Lauren Tsai '00 started things off with a leadoff walk.

Then, Jess Judge '00 smacked a single to right field. A miscue by Williston's defense allowed Tsai to score and Judge to advance to third. Katherine Otway '00 then hit a single, driving in Judge.

More errors helped Andover take a 4-0 lead, after which Davis took control, striking out eight and preventing Williston from scoring any earned runs.

In the fifth inning, a string of errors helped Williston score four runs and get back into the game. With the score 5-4, Andover looked to put some insurance runs on the board.

In the bottom of the fifth, Andover erupted for five runs, thanks to hits by Katherine Leonard '02, Erica Hubbard '01, Godsill '99, Friedlander '00, and Otway. Leading 10-4, Andover looked to be in the driver's seat.

Before the game had ended, though, Williston added two runs before succumbing, 10-6.

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Hopkins

With a win under its belt, Andover faced off against the defending champs, the Hopkins School. Erica Hubbard, who has also pitched very well this year, got the call.

Early on, Andover provided a cushion for Hubbard, who pitched a great game, allowing only two hits while striking out four and completely shutting down Hopkins' offense. In the the bottom of the first, hits by Tsai, Godsill, Leonard, and Hubbard produced three quick runs. Andover did not let Hopkins back into the game, adding five insurance runs in cruising to a commanding 8-0 victory. For Andover, Friedlander and Judge each contributed a hit to the offense.

Choate Rosemary Hall

Entering the game, Andover knew it had to play tough defense and create some offense to combat Choate's ace pitcher. With a few adjustments to the lineup, Andover was ready to take on the second seed. Heather Davis, looking to improve her record to 5-0, took the mound for Andover.

After a 1-2-3 Andover first, Choate got on the board after its leadoff hitter walked on four straight pitches, moved to second on a sacrifice, and scored on a single. From then on, Andover strengthened its defense and rattled Choate's ace.

In the second inning, Heather Graul '99 started the offense with a single and was sacrificed to second. With one out, Judge bounced a single past the shortstop and aggressive base running by Graul gave Andover its first run of the game. In the third, Andover took the lead when Otway singled up the middle to score one run. Davis then silenced the opponent's bats, retiring nine consecutive batters from the fourth inning to the sixth. Andover, adding three runs in the sixth, earned a spot in the championship game against Deerfield.

With Andover's victory, Coach Peter Drench, a member of the Massachusetts Coaches Hall of Fame, captured his 300th career high school victory, improving his personal record to 300-207.

Deerfield

Andover, returning to the championship game after a one year absence, faced off against a strong Deerfield team. Andover started out strongly, with Tsai reaching on an error and then taking second on a wild pitch. Aggressive base running denied Andover a run as Tsai was thrown out at home. On the play, Godsill took third, later scoring Andover's first run on a passed ball. Andover struck again in the sixth when Tsai doubled to right, took third on a sacrifice by Godsill, and scored on Otway's infield hit. With the score 2-0, Andover's hopes for a championship were looking bright.

Hubbard got into a groove and dominated on the mound. Through six innings, she had not allowed Deerfield to score. In the final inning, the first Deerfield hitter singled and the next hit a bomb in the gap. With a great jump, Heather Graul dove, robbing Deerfield of a hit that would have scored a run. The next batter walked after fouling off numerous pitches. Deerfield, down to its final out, sent one of its most dangerous hitters up to face Hubbard, who won the battle, forcing the batter to ground out to Godsill, who relayed to Davis for the final out.

For seniors, this win was thrilling, as they had lost close games in previous tournaments. Senior leadership, aggressive base running, dominant pitching, and enthusiasm helped secure the championship for Andover.

North Reading High School

After winning the championship at NMH, Andover returned home looking to improve its 13-2 record on Wednesday against North Reading High School.

The team picked up right where it left off on Sunday, edging North Reading by a score of 2-1. Hubbard returned to the mound, allowing one run in the first inning before shutting out North Reading's offense for the remainder of the game. Andover tied the game in its half of the inning, setting the stage for some final inning drama.

Heading into the bottom of the seventh, Andover needed just one run to pull off another dramatic win. Most of us dream about being up with the bases loaded, two outs, and the score tied, but only some of us get to experience it. Katherine Otway did, and she pulled through, doubling to center to score the winning run as Andover improved its record to 14-2.

Softball Drops Second Game Of Season to Wilmington HS

by Patrick Linneman
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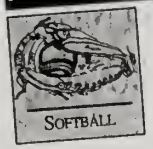
Wilmington	**5**
Andover	**1**



Despite having improved its record to 8-1 with wins over North Andover High School and New Hampton on the first of May, the softball team has had most of its games cancelled due to inclement weather. Andover is looking very strong offensively as well as defensively. Spectacular pitching by both Erica Hubbard '01 and Heather Davis '00 has helped to propel the team to eight wins. With the seeds coming out for the tournament in N.M.H. on Thursday, May 13, Andover hoped to win the one game against Wilmington that was not rained out.

Deerfield

On grandparent's weekend, the team had to leave classes early to head out to Deerfield to play a doubleheader against Deerfield and Stoneleigh-Burnham School. Heading down, the weather did not look good as it continuously drizzled throughout the ride. Upon arriving, the game was delayed due to thunder and lightning. After a short delay, the teams began play for an inning but the game was halted after the field became too wet to play on. Both games were cancelled and Andover made the long trek back to Phillips Academy, unable to improve its record.

Wilmington High School

After the previous three games had been cancelled, Andover was anxious to get another win under its belt before the N.M.H. tournament on Saturday.

Although Andover was anxious to play a game, it looked a little rusty.

Hubbard was on the mound for Andover against a strong Wilmington team. Wilmington played a much more focused game than Andover did and as a result escaped with the victory by a score of 5-1. Hubbard pitched a good game, but Wilmington always seemed to come up with the hits when it needed them.

In the top of the first inning, Wilmington produced consecutive hits which led to one run. Jumping back quickly was Andover as Lauren Tsai '00 reached base and later scored. Heather Graul '99 also contributed to Andover's offense with a double to centerfield. Other than that, Andover could not produce any more runs throughout the game. They team scattered hits in almost every inning, but could not pick up the base runner when it needed to. On the other hand, Wilmington hit the ball hard in critical situations and was able to produce four more runs.

Defensively, Andover looked solid. Camille Conley '01 made some great catches in centerfield to help Hubbard. Wilmington was a focused and enthusiastic team, which also helped it to defeat Andover.

Andover will head into the N.M.H. tournament on Saturday with an 8-2 record. Next Wednesday, it will look to add to its win total in a game against North Reading High School.

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Erica Hubbard '01 drives a Wilmington offering into right field.

SOFTBALL WINS CHAMPIONSHIP

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Wrapping up a season that will not soon be forgotten, the Andover Girls Softball teams headed north to face the Exeter. Although Andover had already taken home the championship at NMH, this game was played for bragging rights. Unfortunately, the Exeter girls prevailed in a 1-0 decision. The rivalry that has lasted between these schools for over two hundred years will be remembered as the season when each team traded 1-0 home wins. But, this is only the beginning for other close games between the schools in the future as Andover had a sophomore on the mound and Exeter started a freshman.

Andover rolled the dice early when Lauren Tsai '00 who has been an excellent lead-off hitter for Andover walked. Rebecca Godsill '99 reached on the only Exeter error in the game. On a double steal, Andover quickly had runners on second and third with no one out. Andover's quick start looked promising but after a called third strike and two pop outs, Andover's offense was smothered.

Exeter, after escaping from a jam, got its bats rolling on a single by the second hitter. An overthrow at first and a wild pitch resulted in the first run and only run needed as Andover could not come through with clutch hits. The Blue threatened in the sixth when team captain Katherine Otway '00 looped a single but could not advance as Heather Graul '99 and Katherine Leonard '02 each hit the ball on the nose but were snagged after fine plays by Exeter's defense.

Erica Hubbard '01, who was on the mound for Andover, silenced the Exies bats as she did not allow a run after the unearned run in the first. As Coach Peter Drench said about the game. " When the Blue threatened to tie, Exeter came up big in the field, and the A-level game it would have taken to beat the Red on this day just was not there for the Andover squad." The game was marked by great pitching on both sides and solid defense. With the loss to Exeter, Andover ended the 1999 season with a 15-3 record.

Glancing back on the year, Andover has faced adversities throughout the season. It was a questionable season for Andover as the team lost seven players from last year's team that also went 15-3. With some critical additions to the team, Coach Peter Drench was able to mold Andover into a championship caliber team.

Andover started the season off slow with a shutout loss to Noble High School on April 9th. Then Andover experienced a scare when veteran leader Godsill injured her shoulder in practice. With these obstacles, Andover then went on a nine game winning streak that included an extra innings win against NMH and an 1-0 victory over Exeter. Andover then took control with a championship in the NMH tournament. Within the course of Andover's triumphant tournament Coach Drench attained his 300th coaching victory of his career. With the championship wrapped up Andover finished the season with a 6-1 victory over St. Paul's and a 1-0 defeat at the hands of the Exies.

Part of Andover's success has come from contributions from all players on the team. Hubbard and Heather Davis '00 have made up the strong pitching rotation for Andover. Hubbard finished off the season with a 9-3 record and Davis polished off a perfect 8-0 campaign. Tsai has contributed to the early leads as she continuously reached base, not to mention her flawless play at shortstop. Godsill, who returned after her several game absence contributed on both sides with a sharp glove and quick bat. At second base, Otway came up with clutch hits in games and showed her leadership as the team captain. The freshman, Leonard showed her skills behind the plate as well as smacking hits in nearly every game. Graul consistently put the ball in play and made some great plays in the field, especially her diving play to preserve a championship win against Deerfield. Jess Judge '00 who was used at various positions throughout the year was solid defensively and came through in key situations at the plate. Karen Friedlander '01, Katie Breen '00, Camille Conley '01, all contributed when called upon, in the field and at the plate. Freshman Kaitlin McCann, was a speedster on the base path as well as in the field. Also, one of the most important aspects of the team was the veteran leadership that Joisan Decker '99 and Marlena Montanez '99 both added to the team.

With a highly successful and eventful season for Andover, next year's team look to be stronger then ever. Captain Otway will be back next year hoping to carry the team with the other returning starters. The four key losses for Andover will be that of Decker, Godsill, Graul, and Montanez who helped in carrying this team as seniors. Andover's pitching rotation will be back and stronger then ever. Andover appears to be looking strong as it looks ahead to the upcoming 2000 season.

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BOY'S TENNIS

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Wed., April 7, 1999	(A)	Tufts	8	7
Fri., April 9, 1999	(A)	M.I.T.	9	3
Mon., April 12, 1999	(H)	Andover High School	12	0
Thurs., April 15, 1999	(A)	Belmont Hill	15	1
Wed., April 21, 1999	(H)	Milton	8	1
Sat., April 24, 1999	(A)	Deerfield	1	8
Wed., April 28, 1999	(H)	Exeter	6	3
Wed., May 5, 1999	(H)	Moses Brown	8	1
Thurs., May 6, 1999	(H)	Milton (make up)	6	3
Sat., May 8, 1999	(H)	Choate	7	2
Wed., May 12, 1999	(A)	St. John's	3	2
Sat., May 15, 1999	(A)	Tournament (Choate)	2nd place	
Wed., May 19, 1999	(A)	Exeter	Canceled	

Boys' Tennis Team May Have Won Match But Then Again... Maybe They Didn't Win

by Piercarlo Valdesolo
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Coming off a successful season and a fourth place finish at Interschols, Coach Hodgson's squad was unfortunately in need of reconstruction.

After losing seniors Peter Karlen, John Hugo, and Peter Christodoulo to graduation, Coach Hodgson juggled his lineup to ensure the team's continued success. Currently at the number one spot is PG Alex Macdonald, this due in no small part to the fact that he can easily pass for 21 at any number of Lawrence general stores. Old Macdonald hails from the backwoods of Connecticut and will, ironically, help prevent the team from getting hammered.

Nipping at his loafers is Andrew Merle '00. Merle is out with a vengeance this spring, ready to rip apart his opponents and consume them with the fury of a jungle cat. Make no mistake about it, this is a man on a mission.

Playing three is el capitano Piercarlo Valdesolo '99. Valdesolo has never lost a match, largely due to the two large men of Italian heritage who stretch out his opponent before every match.

Simon Thavaseelan '99 is playing four this year, and man does he look ridiculous. Concerned about the long-term affects of his experiment, Simon consulted his physician who assured him that things should be back to normal with minimal sexual side effects.

Jeff "Stone Cold" Myers '99 occupies the fifth spot and has been thus just luke-warm. However the Rattlesnake has been known to snap at any given occasion, threatening to stun his opponents and inciting great fear into the hearts of many.

One of Stone Cold's favorite victims is number six Jared Vegosen '00. Excited about being on a team with nine non-abusive guys in shorts, Jared offered the use of his neato PA racket stencils. Fortunately, "Stone Cold" stepped in and regulated. Vegosen did not show up for practice Tuesday. Some say he fell victim to the Rattlesnake's stunner and is lying in a ditch along 495 in serious need of a proctologist. Matt Dougherty '01, Jeremy Adams '99, Mike Sechrist '99, and Matt Natale '01 also play tennis.

The team's first match came last Wednesday against Tufts JV. Before the grueling match Coach Hodgson had a few words to say, "Alright boys, we're going to go out there and do our best.

"If we're good enough to win, that's fine. If we aren't good enough to win, that's fine. We can't control the outcome of the match, but we can control our sportsmanship.

"If you're ever losing, don't hesitate to cheat. However, if your opponent attempts to cheat you, walk up to the net and say 'I believe this is beginning to interfere with what I believe to be the fair and equitable outcome of this match. *(Editor's Note: Dramatization may not have happened.)*"

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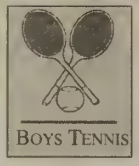
Double Victories Propel Boys Tennis to Convincing Week

by Piercarlo Valdesolo and Andrew Merle
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITERS

Andover	**14**
Belmont Hill	**1**



The boys tennis team had two matches last week, the first coming against Belmont Hill on Friday. Since there are no girls at all at Belmont Hill their sports teams are usually pretty good. I bet that's worth it. Anyway, the match was rescheduled from Thursday so that Andrew Merle '00 and Mike Sechrist '99 could play. The stunning tandem of Merle and Piercarlo Valdesolo '99 wiped the floor with their opponents in #1 doubles, and Merle easily won his singles match in two sets continuing his lifetime undefeated streak against Belmont Hill. After the match Merle commented "Every time I come back here it gets harder to leave, I think they put something in the water." Sechrist along with partner and close personal friend/trainer Matt Dougherty '01 also won their doubles match in convincing fashion. Though playing together for the first time, on the court at least, their chemistry surprised everybody. Everyone won easily except for Jeff "Stone Cold" Myers '99 who lost a set in a somewhat disappointing performance. "It was hard for me to concentrate when my opponent kept staring at my legs during the changeovers," Myers added. On the bus back the boys got to do some team bonding. All except for Alex Macdonald '99 who preferred to lose himself in the soothing rhythms of "Grooving to the 80s." The overall score was an impressive 14-1.

On Wednesday, Milton came down to face the undefeated Andover team. The Milton team, however, was undermanned as their top three players sat out due to a supposed "lack of energy." Not buying the coach's weak excuse, we went undercover in Milton to find out the startling truth. Merle, disguised as a cafeteria lady, spent the night serving baked scrod and cheesy potato soup to students trying to pick up the word on the street. He got absolutely nothing accomplished, but did overhear some weird rumors about practice-hero Jared Vegosen '00. Apparently, Vegosen, in an unparalleled entrepreneurial maneuver, has created an underground ring of racket stenciling throughout most prep-schools in the area. When asked about his involvement Jared replied: "They were big boys, very big boys and strong and muscular too. I just had to give them my stencils."

Piercarlo took to the streets clad in traditional 70s pimp attire to see what he could dig up. Half way into the night three beaten-up teenagers stumbled to Carlo's corner claiming to be the victims of several gruesome violations at the hands of disgruntled CVS attendants. Apparently, they had begun a raucous the night before after running out of the cream. Case closed. In a revealing reaction to the situation, Alex Macdonald commented "Wow, riveting." Simon Thavaseelan '99 remarked "Hey, I know the feeling."

Andover did not lose a match, rolling to a 9-0 victory. The day's events did, however, annoy Coach Hodgson whose anger culminated in an egregiously explicit outburst of profanities. Some would say that this eruption was brought on by the frustration of a lifetime of logistical thought, but there was nothing cogent about that display.

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Drew Merle '00 led the boys' tennis team to success against Belmont Hill and Milton Academy.

Boys' Tennis Soundly Triumphs Over Exeter; Drew Merle '00, is Undefeated on the Week

by Piercarlo and Simon
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITERS

Andover	**7**
Exeter	**2**

BOYS TENNIS

Last Saturday, the boys played Deerfield away. We should have known it was going to be a bad day when two goats moseyed onto the court during warm-ups. To make a long story short, we got whooped 8-1 and I'd prefer not to write about it. Merle '00 was the kid who won but no one really cared.

The real match took place on Wednesday when rival Exeter came down. Champion trout-fisher Coach Tom Hodgson set the stage for an intense confrontation. "Fellas, I'm not saying that I want to beat Exeter more than anyone else; I just believe that losing to them would not bring about what I construe to be the fair and equitable outcome of this match, since I am of the opinion that we have the capability necessary to win the majority of the points in any given match on any given day, all else being equal and fair, of course." In other words: "Beat those punks or I'll consume you with lightning bolts from my arse!" With those words running through our veins, we manhandled the Exies 7-2. Andover took four out of the six singles matches to give them a strong lead going into doubles. Jared Vegosen '00, the number one ranked practice player in the United States, played brilliantly and won the respect and admiration of his opponent, who traded phone numbers with our hero after the match. "He likes my style [of play] so we're going to get together and whack some balls around later on [in the year]" Hmmm. Simon Thavaseelan '99 and Piercarlo Valdesolo '99 won their singles matches with relative ease. Merle, Myers '99, and Macdonald '99, on the other hand, had a bit of trouble.

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PG Alex Macdonald helped the boys tennis team crush Exeter 7-2.

Let's talk about "Stone Cold" first. Apparently, Exeter's number five wasn't intimidated by the "Rattlesnake." I guess "Steve Austin" couldn't handle the "pressure." Recent performances have left Jeff's fan wondering if he should find some other way to spend an hour. Andrew Merle had a tough match at number two against Howard Gordon. Merle later described Howard as "a crafty opponent. His wile and guile didn't suit my style." Indeed. Merle did manage to come out on top, winning in two sets. Alex Macdonald went up against young and goofy upstart Dan Zarchin. Alex called upon all his many, many, many years of experience in this one. Unfortunately, he lost in three tight sets, crumbling in a heap after match point writhing from arthritis and gout (This is an exaggeration. Alex Macdonald suffers from neither arthritis nor gout and I apologize to all men having arthritis or gout who may take offense (by men I of course imply "mankind" and thus include women in my sincere apology). Andover closed out the match by winning its doubles matches with brilliant play all around.

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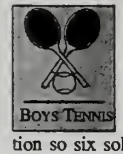
BOYS' TENNIS

by Drew Merle
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER



The Boys' Varsity A Tennis Team had a very successful season, losing only once all year. The team had to rebuild after losing three seniors last year, and did so with the addition so six solid players to the ten-man team. These newcomers and four strong returning players combined to produce on of the best seasons in Andover tennis history. The PA team had little difficulty beating some of the best teams in the region during the regular season, including Milton Academy and Moses Brown. The team's one loss came to Derailed, in a deceivingly one-sided result. However, revenge would soon come for Andover. PA entered Interschols at the end of the season hoping to finish its excellent year on a even ore positive not. The team took Drew Merle, Alex MacDonald, Piercarlo Valdesolo, Simon Thavaseelan, Jeff Myers, Ramesh Donthamsetty, and Matt Doughery to the year-end tournament at Choate. Not playing in Interschols, but contributing to the team's success during the season were Jared Vegosen, Mike Sechrist, Jeremy Adams, and Matt Natale. At Choate, PA rolled through Avon in the first round and then met rival Deerfield again. This time Andover emerged victorious, knocking the #2 seed out of the tournament. The PA team went on to lose to a very strong Hotchkiss team in the finals, but was pleased with its play and end result. The following weekend Alex MacDonald, Drew Merle, and Piercarlo Valdesolo returned to Choate for an invitational tournament, including only the best individual players of the year. In the singles draw, Alex played well for PA, under the guidance of new coach Tom Hodgson. PA will lose six players to graduation, but it will look to benefit from its skilled returning players. It will be hard to improve upon the success which the Andover team enjoyed this year, but the players are confident that their winning ways will carry over into next season.

Alex MacDonald '99 helped the Boys' Tennis Team to a second place finish at Intershols.

Piercarlo Valdesolo

by Alan Ginsberg
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS ASSOCIATE

After captaining two sports and earning both the most valuable player and most improved player awards in a third while earning ten varsity letters during his career at Phillips Academy, Piercarlo Valdesolo '99 is unquestionably deserving of this year's Athlete of the Year honors.

Piercarlo, the son of two Italian immigrants, was born in Medford, Massachusetts, where he lived until the age of six. As soon as he could walk, Piercarlo's father began showing him how to play soccer, and, after turning five, Piercarlo joined a Medford youth team. When Piercarlo was six years old, he and his family moved to Andover. There, his athletic career really began to flourish. He continued playing soccer, this time for youth teams in the Andover Soccer Association, and began playing tennis for the Rolling Green Tennis Club because, as Piercarlo tells it, his "mother wanted to keep [him] away from the contact sports." As a student at The Pike School, where Piercarlo studied from kindergarten until the eighth grade, he played varsity soccer in seventh and eighth grade and varsity tennis from sixth grade until he graduated from the school. Outside of school, he continued playing both town soccer and tennis at the Rolling Green until the age of fourteen. In addition, the summer before coming to Phillips Academy, Piercarlo played for a district soccer team.

Upon matriculating at Phillips Academy, Piercarlo immediately began his soccer career here, playing for the J. V. 2 team. During his freshman spring, Piercarlo played outside of school for the under-15 S.U.N.S. (Soccer Union of the North Shore) team, a squad for which he would continue to play during his lower spring. Returning to school for his lower fall as a vastly improved and well-conditioned player, Piercarlo made the varsity team as a midfielder. Unfortunately, early in the season, central defender Brad Podolec '97 broke his leg, forcing Piercarlo to move back and assume a role in the center of the defense. Carlo, as he always does, played consistently and solidly throughout the season, thereby impressing all observers so much so that he was voted the team's Most Improved Player at the end of the season. In fact, he played so well as a central defender that when, early in Carlo's upper year, co-captain Phil Risseeuw '98 contracted mononucleosis, Carlo, despite having again made the team as a midfielder, once again moved back into the defense, this time to assume Risseeuw's role in the center of the defense. For Carlo's senior year, he did not even expect to be a midfielder, but rather knew he would, for the third consecutive year, anchor the team's central defense. In doing so, he played so well that he earned the Smoyer Award as the team's most valuable player, was named an All-Scholastic by *The Boston Globe*, and garnered Athlete of the Term honors from *The Phillipian*. Carlo's teammate Zac Wang '00 described Carlo's value to the squad: "Although he wasn't the guy with the most goals, he was still one of the most vital parts of our team." Adds Conor Cooper '99, "His flawless play added greatly to the overall strength of our team."

Wanting to use his impressive athletic ability during the winter as well as in the fall and spring, Carlo decided to play squash during his freshman winter. As a member of the J. V. 2 team, Carlo learned the basics of the game, and, drawing from his tennis talent, quickly became a stellar squash player. Thus, as a lower, Carlo made the varsity squash team and competed as the squad's number three player throughout the year. At the end of the season, Carlo and the rest of the team went to Interschols, where Carlo made it to the semifinals before bowing out of the tournament. Eager to improve on his already impressive list of squash accolades, Carlo worked even harder as an upper. His hard work paid off, as his run to the finals of the number three bracket at Interschols helped lead the team to a second place finish in the tournament. As a senior, Carlo was elected captain of the squash team and became the number one player on the squad. During the regular season, he led the team, amassing a personal record of 11-2, with his only two losses coming to the top ranked player in India and the player ranked third among all United States juniors. Then, at Interschols, despite having to play against such pedigreed opponents, Carlo was able to win the consolation bracket, gaining much needed points for his team and winning the respect of his teammates, each of whom has a different theory on what makes Carlo such a great player. "Carlo hates to lose," comments Naveen Goela '99, "He's the most tenacious player I've ever known. That, combined with his skill and the fact that he's a very smart player, makes him tough to beat." For Gaurav Gaiha '99, however, it is Carlo's speed that is the key to his success. "If you play against him," Gaurav warns, "you think you've won the point, but then his unbelievable quickness allows him to catch up to the ball and get back in the point." Whatever the reason for his prowess, it is easy to see that Carlo has been a great asset to the squash team during his career at Phillips Academy.

Despite his success as a soccer and squash player, Carlo's best sport may very well be tennis. As a four-year varsity player, Carlo only lost one match in his entire career, as a senior, to an opponent whom he beat later in the year at Interschols. Since playing as the team's number six player as a freshman, Carlo has steadily moved up one position on the ladder each year, culminating in his number three position and captaincy this year. He has also been successful in several tournaments in various capacities: as a singles player, as a member of a doubles partnership, and as a competitor on the Phillips Academy team. During Carlo's lower year, the team took second place at Interschols. Then, as an upper, Carlo won the Kingswood-Oxford Invitational Tournament. At the end of the year, with his partner John Hugo '98, Carlo reached the finals of the A-Doubles bracket at Interschols to help lead the team to a third place finish in the tournament. Finally, as a senior, Carlo and Andrew Merle '00 took second in the A-Doubles bracket at Interschols, helping the team to a second place finish.

Away from the athletic fields, Piercarlo is an accomplished violinist who has been playing since he was six years old. In addition, he has participated in ARC during each of his four years at Phillips Academy. Next year, Carlo will attend Amherst College. Although he is undecided about his major and whether or not he will play tennis, Carlo has decided that he will play both soccer and squash there. With his innate athletic prowess, he will unquestionably be successful no matter how many sports he plays.

SPORT: Tennis - Girls

YEAR: 1998 - 1999

CAPTAIN: Roopali Agarwal & Amy Teleron
HOME ADDRESS:

MANAGER:
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COACH: Leon Holley
ASSISTANT COACHES:

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GIRL'S TENNIS

			PA	OPP
Sat., April 3, 1999	(H)	Newton C.D. Scrimmage	8	0
Wed., April 7, 1999	(H)	Tabor	9	7
Wed., April 14, 1999	(A)	St. Paul's	2	10
Tues., April 20, 1999	(A)	Middlesex	Canceled	
Fri., April 23, 1999	(H)	Milton	Canceled	
Sat., April 24, 1999	(A)	Exeter	6	3
Sat., May 1, 1999	(A)	N.M.H.	9	0
Wed., May 5, 1999	(A)	Milton	4	10
Sat., May 8, 1999	(H)	Loomis-Chaffee	Canceled	
Wed., May 12, 1999	(A)	Noble & Greenough	7	5
Sat., May 15, 1999	(H)	Thayer	6	12
Wed., May 19, 1999	(H)	Exeter	Canceled	
Sat., May 22, 1999	(A)	NEPSAC (NMH)	6th place	

Girls' Tennis Set to Pursue Successful Season
Strong Senior Leadership at the Heart of Team

by Wendy Huang
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover	8
NCDS	0
Andover	9
Tabor	7

Returning to the long-neglected courts behind the gym, the girls' varsity tennis team began its season with two stuong performances against Newton Country Day School and Tabor Academy this past week. With an experienced and optimistic squad the team, according to Co-Captain Amy Teleron '99, hopes "that we can have a winning season."

The girls hope to capitalize on both new and returning talent to improve on last year's regular season record of 2-3. Coach Leon Holley observed that, due to the unprecedented number of match cancellations last year, "the girls were not as match-tough as they could have been and that showed when we played against some of the tougher teams."

This year's lineup includes returning players Teleron, Co-Captain Roopali Agarwal '99, Sasha Hrdy '00, and Wendy Huang '01. These veterans are strengthened by new faces Tiffany Horne '99, Sarah Smith '99, and the much-anticipated Brooke Peyton '01. Even at early in the season, this new team has already shown its drive to excel in its deft handling of the Newton and Tabor teams.

Newton

The Blue found itself well-prepared Saturday for its first scrimmage of the season, shutting out the weaker Newton team 16-0. Coming so early in the term, the match was used by the team to garner more match-play experience to, as Teleron puts it, "give the season a jump-start."

All the matches that cold afternoon were taken by Andover players easily, but none so handily as the match on the first court by Peyton. In her first match playing for PA, Peyton dominated the court with her solid groundstrokes and serves, proving to be too much for her opponent to handle, overwhelming her 6-2, 6-2.

Similarly, Captains Teleron and Agarwal at numbers two and three, respectively, both swept their opponents away with their sound gameplay. Teleron came away from her match with a quick victory of 6-2, 6-0, while Agarwal recorded a win of 6-3, 6-2. At numbers four and five, Hrdy and Huang also prevailed over their opponents. Hrdy won her match 6-2, 6-3 and Huang took hers 6-4, 6-0.

In doubles the three teams fared just as well. Teleron and Agarwal vowed to "redeem themselves" for giving up the points that they did in their singles matches and blew away their overmatched foes 6-0, 6-1. At number two, Horne and Smith learned to adapt to each other's playing styles and carried a 6-4, 6-4 win over their opponents. Migina Tsai '00 and Margarita Stirbl '01 also took some time to strengthen their communication before taking their match 6-4, 6-4.

Tabor

In its first match of the regular season, the girls' tennis team triumphed over Tabor at home despite the windy playing conditions. A much more competitive team than Newton, the Tabor girls fielded very strong top players, but lacked depth through the group. Finding itself missing its number two seed Teleron due to a back injury, the Blue still pulled off a substantial 9-7 victory.

Peyton played a long match against Tabor's number one, a player formerly ranked number two in the girls 16-and-under division in New England, but narrowly missed the two sets 6-7 (6-8), 5-7. Agarwal also played a tough match losing 2-6, 4-6.

At number three, Hrdy took her first set easily, but then as she says, "lost concentration for three games." Those three games were recovered as she won the next sixteen points in a row. Hrdy took the match 6-1, 6-4. Huang, at four, kept her opponent off-balance as she took her match 6-1, 6-0. In her first single match, Smith leapt ahead of her opponent early in their game, but her Tabor counterpart fought her way back up. They split sets, Smith taking the first 6-1 and missing the second 3-6.

In doubles, the number one team of Peyton and Agarwal demonstrated incredible communication skills as they posted a big 6-2, 6-3 win over their previous singles opponents. Hrdy and Huang took their first set 6-3, but seemed to lose focus in the second set as they committed a number of unforced errors giving up the set 6-7 (5-7). Smith and Horne also split sets at the number three doubles 6-4, 5-7.

"We're off to a pretty good start. I am happy with the effort we saw today [Wednesday] in these miserable conditions. Weather allowing, we look forward to having a lot more matches coming up in the regular season so we'll be prepared, match-tough, for the tough competition at interschols coming in May," said Coach Holley.

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Tennis Co-Captain Roopali Agarwal '99 was instrumental in both of the squad's two victories last week.

Girls' Tennis Falls to Talented St. Paul's Team; Will Play Four Tough Matches in Five Days

by Amita Singh
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

St. Paul's	**10**
Andover	**2**

GIRLS TENNIS

The varsity girl's tennis squad traveled to Concord, N.H. this past Wednesday and fell to a formidable St. Paul's team by a score of 2-10. None of the Andover players won their respective matches, but several of them came down to tie breakers in the last set. Co-captain Roopali Agarwal '99 said of their opponents, "They were a lot stronger than they have been in past years, and it was a wake-up call for us."

St. Paul's facilities were indoors, which was quite a change from the normal outdoor courts the girls usually play on. It was the first time they had ever played indoors, but "we didn't make the adjustment," said Coach Holley. St. Paul's team has also noticeably improved, playing much tougher singles than they have in the past.

Brooke Peyton '01 played a solid game, but split in two sets, 4-6, 6-3. She saved an impressive total of six match points in her entire match. With her solid groundstrokes and fierce serve, Peyton has worked hard to earn her spot as #1 on the team. Ranked #5 in the New England division of the USTA for Girls sixteen-and-under singles, she has been a strong addition to the team and will step up as a capable leader in the future.

Agarwal '99, number two, also lost in two sets, winning the first 6-1 but losing in a close tiebreaker 6-7. Sasha Hrdy '99, playing number three, lost in two sets at 6-2, 6-0 as did number four Wendy Huang '01, 6-1, 6-3. Sarah Smith '99 played hard in her game, but also fell to her St. Paul's opponent 6-1, 7-5. Tiffany Horne '99 also lost in two sets at 6-4, 7-5, but ended with a spectacular tiebreaker that lasted for quite a while

In doubles, both Andover teams were defeated, but their chemistry definitely improved. Agarwal and Peyton played an exciting match at number one, making a huge comeback in the end, which included saving nine match points, before losing in yet another tie breaker at 7-6.

"We definitely are gelling as a team," remarked Peyton. Hrdy '99 and Huang '01 played a close set that ended in a tiebreaker with a score of 6-7.

Said Agarwal of the game, "It was our first real tough match of the season, but was good for us both mentally and physically. We're more prepared for next week, which will also be pretty challenging for us."

The girls face a grueling week ahead of them with four matches in five days, many of which are against strong schools such as Middlesex, Exeter, and Milton. Says Coach Holley of the approaching week, "It will be a good test for us. We can hopefully improve our match -toughness. Exeter and Milton are two of the more talented tennis teams in New England, so it will definitely improve our match-toughness."

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Brooke Peyton '00, playing #1 singles for the Blue, split her match 4-6, 6-3 at St. Paul's.

Co-captain Amy Teleron '99, who has been out with a pulled muscle in her back for a week, is hoping to make a return to the courts soon. The team sorely missed her, but hopefully the rest she got this week will help with the four upcoming games.

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Girls' Demolish NMH; Falter 4-10 Vs. Milton

by Amita Singh
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover	**14**
NMH	**0**
Milton	**10**
Andover	**4**

Coming off of a commanding win at Exeter last Saturday, the girls split their games this week, sweeping at NMH but losing Milton. Saturday at NMH, the girls dominated with an incredibly strong performance winning all their matches. But on Wednesday, Milton, one of the best teams in the Independent Secondary School League, proved themselves too powerful a team and defeated Andover 10-4.

NMH

Andover crushed NMH with impressive games for all the players. Although two key players, Brooke Peyton '01 and Wendy Huang '01,were missing from their usual positions as, respectively, number one and number five, Andover scored what Coach Holley called, "the best win of the season." The rest of the girls stepped up to fill in the vacancies.

Roopali Agarwal '99 played number one winning 6-1, 6-1. Amy Teleron, who has been on a winning streak since she came off her back injury, also won at number two with a score of 6-1, 6-0. Sasha Hrdy '99 and Tiffany Horne '99 triumphed in their matches at 6-1, 6-1 and 6-1, 6-0. Sarah Smith '99 added her win to the rest with a score of 6-3, 6-1. Finally, newcomer Migina Tsai '00 played a strong match at number six winning 6-2, 7-5.

The doubles teams were equally successful, winning all three games played. Agarwal and Teleron played at number one and defeated their opponents 8-5. Hrdy and Horne won their match with the number two doubles from NMH with a definitive score of 8-0, while Smith and Tsai did the same at number three at 8-4.

Milton

The girls were anticipating the match against Milton for a while, since it has one of the more competitive teams in the league. They lived up to their reputation, winning all but 3 matches out of seven games of singles.

Peyton was defeated by a tough opponent with a score of 6-3, 6-2, as was Agarwal at 6-1, 6-3. However Teleron split her set at number three with the score of 5-7, 6-3. Hrdy lost 6-4, 6-0, as well as Huang at 6-4, 6-3. Tiffany Horne came away with the only win of the game at number six, 6-3, 6-3. Smith, playing at number seven, split her singles 6-3, 4-6.

"Milton is a very tough team and we didn't come ready to play. Rain prevented practice this week, and the facilities were indoor, not what we are used to." Said Coach Holley. The girls made a great effort all around, but ended up succumbing to the strong players from Milton.

Co-captain Agrwal added, "Milton was the weakest I've seen it in my four years on the team. Despite our showing [Wednesday], I think we have a good chance of taking them at interschols."

With Interschols looming just around the corner, the girls hope to make use of the coming matches against Loomis-Chaffee and Thayer to build confidence come thorough with strong showings.

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Girls' Tennis Comes From Behind to Overcome Tough Nobles Squad

by Amita Singh
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover	**10**
Nobles	**8**

GIRLS TENNIS

With a 10-8 score, girls' varsity tennis inched past a highly competitive Nobles team for the win this Wednesday. However, after ending singles at an even 6-6, the girls were able to rout their opponents in doubles and therefore win the match.

The Nobles team was quite mentally aggressive, and played very consistently in all the games. Said co-captain Roopali Agarwal '99, "They were probably the best pushers we've seen all season; they hit the ball very consistently." Agarwal '99 played the number one seed, and despite remarkable playing in the first set, she split in her game at 6-4, 2-6. Amy Teleron '99 struggled at number two and lost both sets 4-6, 2-6. Sasha Hrdy '00 split her sets 4-6, 6-2, but played strong. At number four, Wendy Huang '01 came back from a 5-0 deficit in the second set to win it, and split her sets 4-6, 7-5. Tiffany Horne '99 completely crushed her Nobles opponent with a score of 6-0, 6-0. As Coach Holley put it, "Tiffany dominated, and continued the solid game that she has been playing all season." Playing at number six, Sara Smith '99 split her sets at 7-6, 2-6,. She had a marathon first set, making a comeback and winning in the tiebreaker. Migina Tsai '00, a newcomer to the team, split at 6-4, 4-6.

Fortunately Andover was able to pull through in the doubles part of the match, accomplishing this most notably was the number one team of Agarwal and Teleron. They commanded every aspect of the game and defeated their Nobles counterparts 6-0, 6-1. Coach Holley proclaimed it," the most intimidating match I've ever seen." This was an important game for Agarwal and Teleron, who most likely will play number one doubles at Interschols. Though they hadn't played together all season, they "jelled well" according to Agarwal. Despite a great effort on the part of Hrdy and Huang, they had a strong second set, but eventually split at 3-6, 6-0. At number three doubles, Horne and Smith defeated their opponents with powerful playing at 6-4, 6-7, sealing the win for Andover.

The girls are anticipating their match this Saturday against a Thayer team which features two very skilled players. Both are ranked among the top players in New England, and the number one seed is ranked within the top twenty players in the nation. With this talent, winning will not be simple for Andover. Coach Holley said, "If we can be a deeper team than Thayer, we'll be able to win. Most of all though we just want to see how we can compete against ranked players."

With Interschols approaching, the girls hope that they will be able to play in the two matches versus Thayer and their second match of the year against Exeter. Bad weather has plagued the team since the start of the season, and most recently rained out Saturday's match against Loomis.

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Amy Teleron '99 serves.

5/14

Girls' Tennis Loses to Thayer 6-12, Headed for Interschols

by Amita Singh
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Despite the great effort it put forth this week, the Girls Varsity Tennis team could not stand against a stronger and more experienced Thayer team, falling 6-12.

Singles matches were sent out first. At the number one position, Co-captain Amy Teleron '99 took on Rotondi, a player ranked number-one in the girls 18-and-under category in New England this year. Playing a strong game, Teleron put up a valiant struggle against Rotondi, but eventually succumbed 0-6, 0-6.

Co-captain Roopali Agarwal '99 was also disappointed at the number two position, losing 3-6, 4-6. At three, Sasha Hrdy '00 battled with her opponent in a match with a number of very close games, but eventually came up just a little short losing 4-6, 4-6.

Seeded at number four, Tiffany Horne '99 brought in Andover's only complete victory in singles. Horne kept her opponent off guard and running all over the court, taking the match easily 6-1, 6-1. At five, Wendy Huang '01 split sets in her match 6-4, 1-6. Sara Smith '99, at the number six position, split her sets as well taking the first 6-2 and narrowly missing the second 5-7.

After the singles matches came off, the girls showed the teamwork part of their skills in doubles. At number-one doubles, Agarwal and Teleron tried for vengeance against the two girls they played in singles earlier, but despite their excellent communication and hitting, the Blue could not quite take the match losing 3-6, 4-6. 5/21

At number two doubles, Horne and Hrdy grappled with their opponents for the first set taking it 7-5, then annihilated the demoralized team 6-0 in the second. The girls did not fare as well at the number-three doubles. In their match, Smith and Migina Tsai '00, seemed driven to return every ball, but could not pull off the match in the end, losing 3-6, 4-6.

On this low note, the regular season ended for Andover, but captains Agarwal and Teleron vow a strong finish for the team at Interschols this Saturday. Friday evening, the team will travel up to the Northfield Mount-Hermon campus for the girls' final chance to redeem themselves.

Senior Leadership Maintains Stability for Girls' Tennis Team

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Despite a season marked by three cancellations out of ten scheduled matches, the girls varsity tennis team came away with a winning record of 4-3 and a seventh place finish at Interschols. Not only did the team improve over its previous place last year at ninth, it also improved upon its 2-3 record from last year.

A strong squad of seniors led the girls this season, notably Amy Teleron '99 and Roopali Agarwal '99, the co-captains. Teleron and Agarwal helped keep the team focused despite the shifting ladder and numerous away matches. The returning players, Tiffany Horne '99, Sasha Hrdy '00, and Wendy Huang '01 were joined by a few newcomers as well, such as Sara Smith '99, Brooke Peyton '01, and Migina Tsai '00.

The biggest concern for the team was how much the girls would be able to build upon the foundation they set last year, late in the season. The ladder was relatively stable for the first half of the season, primarily with Peyton at one, Agarwal at two, and Teleron at three. But an unexpected back muscle injury sidelined that Teleron for a few games diverted a lot of the focus of the girls. Along with her injury came a few losses and cancellations, all at the time where normally the team would be gearing up for their last stretch before Interschols. However, her awaited return at the end of the season was well worth it; she came on the courts dominating all her opponents and contributing to each othe wins.

The season started off strong with a win against Tabor, but soon after the weather became an opposition force for the girls. High winds made matchplay a little more unpredictable, as the balls blew all over the court. This troubled the girls at St. Paulís, where they suffered their first loss of the season. A cancellation came next, but was followed by two huge wins over NMH and Exeter, the highlights of the season. In both matches the girls stepped up and each played solidly and aggressively.

The biggest obstacle the Blue had to overcome this season was establishing who would fill up the gaps in the team left by players Caroline Grace '99 and Thalia Forbes '01. Powerhouse Brooke Peyton '01 assumed this role at first, but her departure mid-season left the team reeling. This, along with the four departing seniors, makes rebuilding a top priorityfor next year a little more unpredictable and tedious. The girls winning streak was brought to an end by Milton, one of the top teams in the league. Beating Milton has always been a challenge, but this year the girls didn't provide as much competition as they could have. Next the girls squeaked by Nobles for a victory, but then lost to Thayer. The match at Thayer was the most intimidating one of the season; the Thayer team included two regionally and nationally-ranked-players. Aggression and competitiveness was a its peak in Braintree, but Andover was defeated. The last comtest of the season was cancelled yet again because of the weahter, leaving the girls anxious about their performance for Interschols.

However, the tournament, though not as succesfull as the Blue had hoped, turned out well. Overall, Andover placed sixth out of twelfth, moving up three spots from last year's ranking. "All things considered, " said Coach Holley, "we were capable of doing better, but we shifted some people, around and respectively they did really well."

The formidable doubles tandem of #1 and #2, Argawal and Teleron, reached the semifinals before falling out of contention for the final round. More likely, if the girls had more opportuites in the season to play together, their communication and unison would have been more in sync. Number six Horne represented Andover in the singles component of the tournament. She played consistently and tirelessly but was eliminated in the semi-final round.

Throughout the entire season, the experise of the two captains Teleron and Agarwal was apparent in all matches. Called the "heart and soul" of the team, these two seniors have played the longest out of all the players, and all year have stood out not only as captains but as players as well. Making their farewells along with these two seniors are Smith and Horne. It will be a challenge to replace these girls who have been significant forces on the team for so long, but the girls hope to wlecome new face and rebuild next season.

SPORT: Track - Boys

YEAR: 1998 - 1999

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MANAGER:
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COACH: John Strudwick
ASSISTANT COACHES:

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BOY'S TRACK

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Sat., April 10, 1999	(H)	Deerfield/Taft	101.5	40	Taft
				38.5	Deer.
Sat., April 24, 1999	(A)	N.M.H.	94	51	
Sat., May 1, 1999	(A)	Andover High School	92	59	
Sat., May 8, 1999	(H)	Loomis-Chaffee	78	67	
Sat., May 15, 1999	(H)	Interschols	1st place		
Sat., May 22, 1999	(A)	Exeter	87	58	

Boys' Track Hopes to Defend Title, Readies for Meet vs. Deerfield, Taft

by Hilary Jay and Esther Rabess
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This year's Andover boys' track team looks to defend its first place NEPSTA title. Despite the loss of many talented runners like John Freidman and Nnamdi Okike to graduation, the team is off to a solid start. They hope to achieve victory through hard work and intense training. With a strong core of returning athletes as well as new talents like John Busby '00 and Weston Fuhrman '01 the big blue is sure of success.

Under the leadership of Bryan Saunders '99 this team is sure to be a spirited bunch. His contributions to Andover's track team have been felt since his freshman year. Last year at Interschols, Saunders placed second to teammate Nnamdi Okike in the long jump. This year it looks as if he will improve upon his already impressive performances of last season.

Lewis Brown '99 is also expected finish his Andover career with flair. His presence on the team last season was most felt when he shattered the Andover/Exeter record for the 50-yard dash.

Another integral member of the team is distance runner Colin Dinneen '00. This talented record breaker has been a member of the P.A. squad for the length of his career here. He hopes to aid the team with strong finishes in the 800m. With hard work and the support of his teammates he should be successful.

John Busby '00, a new face on the P.A. track scene, is sure to make waves this season as he is not only a talented short distance runner, but a good long jumper as well. In addition, Busby's strong spirit and support for his teammates will aid in the team's upcoming season. Weston Fuhrman '01, another promising underclassmen, is also a new face on the track team. After great success in his cross country season he has always displayed endurance and sheer ability. With these attributes it is clear that his presence will be felt strongly this year.

Underclassmen also represent a large portion of the team's talent. Included is lower sensation Ben Phillips, who last year shattered the ninth grade record for the 1500m. His time of 4:26 displayed his talent and helped set him apart as one of the team's young cornerstones.

Speed demon Argilio Rodriguez '00, an ever present contributor to the squad, looks to come back strong this year. With great showings in the 1500m and 3000m he has made a name for himself as a consistent distance runner. His riveting statements have had profound affects on the team's performance and often left them mouth agape, pondering these wise sayings, like "Track is...a (great) sport..."

Off of the track P.A. has some strong competitors as well. One of these is thrower John Ross-Harrington '00. He finished last season just shy of the Andover shot put indoor record. John hopes to break the long-standing outdoor record this season.

With these fine athletes Andover track is in strong contention for the title. If it can keep up the high caliber of last season the team will surely claim victory.

For a glimpse of the talent to come, track will face off against Thayer and Dracut on Saturday at two o'clock on the home track.

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Boys' Track Sprints Past Deerfield and Taft, Throwers Lead the Way

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Andover	**10**
Deerfield	**3**

Andover	**10**
Taft	**3**

This past Saturday Andover boy's track pulled off a convincing win against overmatched Taft and Deerfield squads. With strong sprinting from the Lewis Brown '99 and Kam Lasater '99, who both had solid times in the distance races, as well as many notable field performances, Andover managed to outscore both teams combined. With such a strong showing in the first meet of the season the boys in blue are sure to fare well against more competitive opponents such as Loomis-Chaffee and N.M.H.

The long jump kicked off this tri-meet and paved the way for Andover's substantial defeat. The Big Blue not only claimed first place victory, with an impressive jump of 21' 4" from PG Connell Cloyd '99, but managed to capture 2nd, 3rd, and 4th places as well, with jumps from Bryan Saunders '99, J.B. Jones '99, and Kyle Preman '99. Coach Strudwick had only praise to bestow upon all four jumpers, who each cleared over 20 feet, a feat unattained by any Andover team in recent years. In addition to these high caliber performances in the long jump, Andover had fine showings in the other jumping events. Cloyd once again came out on top in the high jump, soaring 6' into the air to clinch a first place spot. Saunders and Jones also placed, each jumping 5'4".

The field events also proved advantageous for Andover, adding many points to the teams quickly growing tally. Trumbull Haskell '99 dominated in the Javelin throwing over 30 feet farther than his nearest competitor. Freshman Derek Bass '02 is a promising javelin thrower as illustrated by his third place throw of 109' 1". John Ross-Harrington '99 and "Big Daddy" MacMillan '99 placed first and third, respectively, in the shot put. Ross-Harrington's throw of 42'11" was an impressive early season throw, which he will undoubtedly improve upon in the future. Both these throwers were also instrumental in the discus throw, placing third and fourth.

Andover also displayed fine running in the sprinting events. Brown wowed all in attendance with a tremendous run in the 100m. In description of his performance and incredible speed the coach claimed that Brown "lapped the other sprinters," with his time of 10.9 seconds. Needless to say, Brown grabbed first place with Dave Thompson '01 right on his heels for a second place finish. Andover again clinched a first place finish in the 200m, where Sean Scott '99 ran with a time of 23.7 seconds. Scott also placed first in the 400m, with great support from Alexander Kehlenbeck '01 who placed fourth. In the 4x100 relay the Andover team, composed of Justin Voccola '99, Scott, Saunders, and Justin Blanch '00, had a noteworthy performance, edging out their competition by only half a second. Although Andover could not manage victory in the 4x400 relay, each of the relay team memers, Kam Lasater '99, Emerson Sykes '01, Barret Hamilton '99, and Colin Dinneen '99, put in strong efforts. Lasater had a fine showing in the hurdles as well. He hurdled to victory with a time of 15.6 seconds, while teammate John Busby '00 placed fourth with a solid time of 18.2 seconds. Busby and Lasater once again displayed their talent in the 300m hurdles with 2nd and 3rd place finishes. In the 800, Colin Dinnen '99 has continued his impressive final year at Andover, with a third place finish in a time of 2:08. Hamilton closely followed in a time of 2.11.2. Dinnen doubled and also raced in the 1500m with a time of 4:24.7, and was just barely edged out for a first place finish. Wes Furhman '01 led most of the race, but was surpassed in the final moments. He had a third-place finish in a time of 4:30.2. With efforts from Ben Phillips '01 and Eli Lazarus'00, the 3000m was close all the way. Coming off an injury, Phillips placed first in a time of 9:47.7. Right on his heels, were Lazarus in a time of 9:50.3 and Adam Schoene '00 in a time of 9:55.6. The disciplined training of the entire team has paid off in this meet, as displayed by their overwhelming victories over both Taft and Deerfield. Despite their early season success, the team will face tougher challenges, and they must look to the future. In the words of co-captain Bryan Saunders, "We were nasty, but we've got to get nastier."

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Colin Dineen '99 helps the Blue to a 2-0 start.

Boys' Track Crushes NMH 94-54; Team Remains Atop NE Rankings

by Hilary Jay
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Andover	**94**
NMH	**54**

The Andover Boys Track team once again displayed that by sheer talent and perseverance it could be a dominant force this week. The Big Blue overcame a traditionally strong NMH team 94 to 54. Although NMH was the weakest it has been in recent memory, the win was nevertheless convincing. The jumpers added a wealth of points to the team, and their prevalence was a sign of the victories to come. Connell Cloyd '99 placed first in the High Jump with a jump of 6'1'', and also contributed in the Long Jump with a jump of 20'8''. He was closely followed by teammates Brian Saunders '99 and Kyle Preman '00. The triple jump was also successful for Cloyd, Saunders, and J.B. Jones '00.

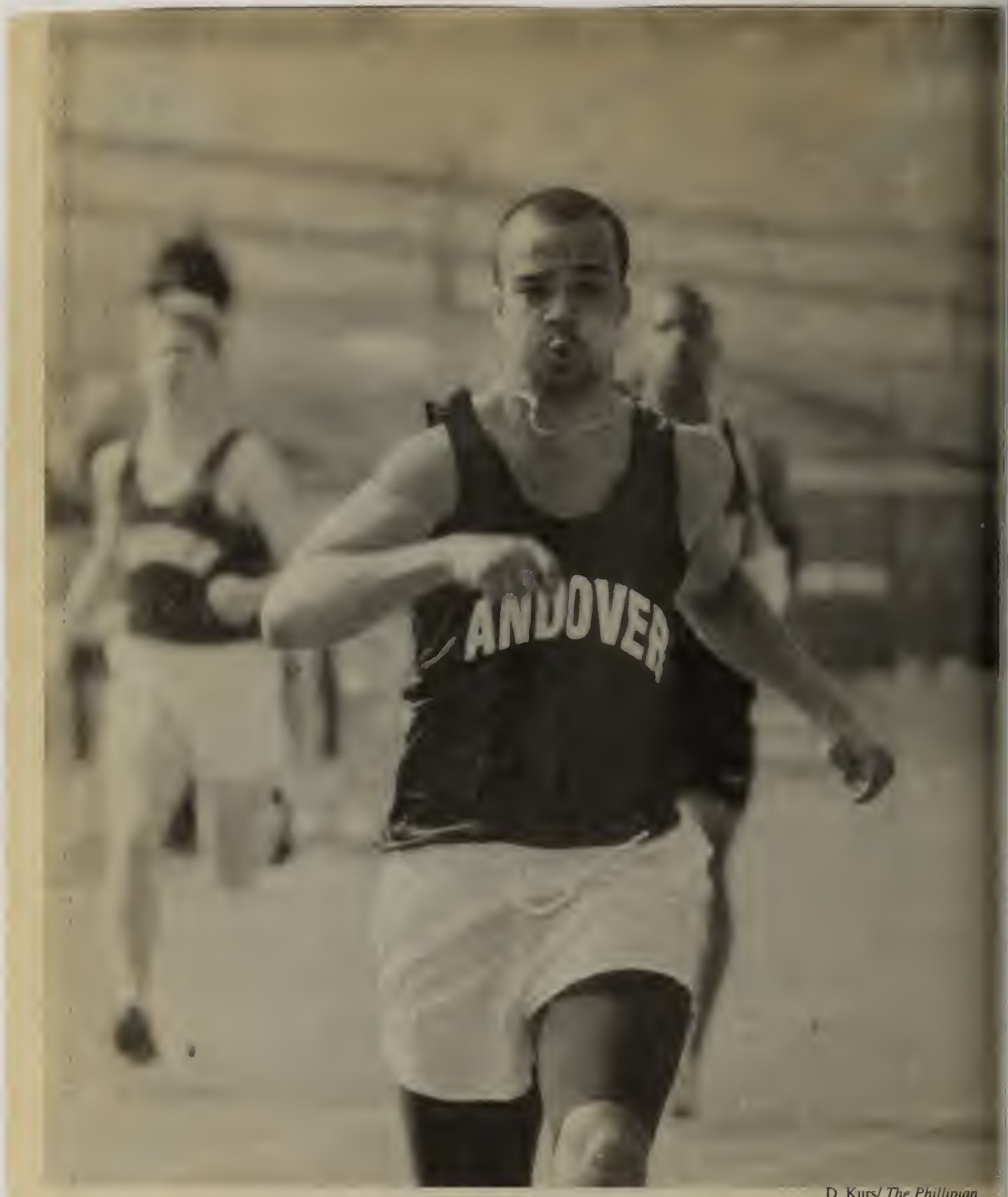
After the precedent was set by the jumpers, the throwers too were victorious. John Ross-Harrington '00, a determined athlete in both indoor and outdoor track, has had a successful season thusfar. He placed second in both the discus and shot put with throws of 105'6 and 41'1, respectively. Trum Haskell '99, returning from injury, put up some strong numbers in the javelin with a first-place throw of 158' 8.5.

The meet was highlighted by the amazing run of Lewis Brown '99 in the 100m dash. In a blistering time of 10.5 seconds Brown set a new school record. Brown has come full circle this year, also breaking the Andover-Exeter record in the 50 yd dash in indoor track. Brown said of his achievement, "I was proud of my ability to step up to a challenge against a talented NMH runner. I focused on accepting the challenge, and the record came as a result of that. I am more proud of my performance than the record itself." He has contributed a lot to the track team in his three years at Andover through both his performance and leadership. The 200m dash was also an exciting race as David Thompson '01 edged out an NMH runner for a second-place finish.

John Busby '00 proved that he has become a skilled hurdler by dominating the 110 meter hurdles with a time of 18 seconds. He doubled in the 300 meter hurdles and placed second in a time of 45.1 seconds, leaving his nearest competitor in the dust with a strong finishing kick. Sean Scott '00 was victorious in the 400 meter sprint, cruising across the finish line in a time of 54.9 seconds. In the 800 meter run Colin Dineen '99 crossed the finish line in a time of 2:06.2. Dineen put away the threat of any competitor in his final lap, as he finished twelve seconds before his closest competitor. Weston Furhman '01 placed third in the 800m and was barely edged out by an NMH competitor. Furhman doubled in the 1500m with a quick time of 4:33.3; he was followed closely by Ben Phillips '01 who came in second-place in a time 4:37.0. Eli Lazarus '00 and Adam Schoene '00 gave a one-two punch in the 3000m as they ran to first and second place finishes, respectively. The 4X100m relay composed of Scott, Saunders, Justin Voccola '99, and Brown placed first in a time of 46.3 seconds. Brown ran the anchor leg of the relay and in the final straight-away finished with a convincing lead.

The 4x400m relay was a crowd-pleasing race. Scott created a lead in the first leg of the relay. Emerson Sykes '01 and Alex Kehlenbeck '01 added to the gap. Anchor runner Dinnen completed the relay run far in front of the NMH's runner . The 4X400 relay team finished in a time of 3:49.4.

The boys' track team looks strong heading into the second part of its season. With high hopes of repeating last year's Insterschols Championship, a team filled with spirited and talented athletes looks as if it is well on their way.



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Sean Scott '00 had a good race on Saturday against the rival N.M.H. squad. With an influx of young runners this year the team is going to depend upon its depth for upcoming meets.

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Kampmann Lasater '99 hurdles during the New England Interscholastic Competition last weekend. The Boys' Track team placed first for the second straight year behind strong performances from Louis Brown '99, Connell Cloyd '99, and Colin Dinneen '99. The tournament victory kept the boys' hopes for an undefeated season alive. Their last meet of the season is on Saturday against rival Exeter. ***See Boys' Track article, page 3.***

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Sprinter Lewis Brown '99 took 1st place in both the 100m and 200m sprints to lead the Blue to victory and garner Interschols MVP honors. Brown also holds the PA Record in the 200m dash.

UNDEFEATED BOYS' TRACK WINS NEPSTA; SENIORS SHINE IN FINAL HOME EVENTS

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PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITERS

Boys' Track

Saturday, on their home turf, the boys in blue captured their second consecutive NEPSTA championship. Lewis Brown '99 displayed his finesse and sheer talent, wowing all in attendance with a victorious run in the 100m. Describing his performance and incredible speed a spectator claimed that Brown "lapped the other sprinters," with his time of 11.16 seconds. In addition he has broken the school record in the 200m, in which he also captured first place on Saturday with a blistering time of 22.69 seconds. Brown was later named the M.V.P. of the meet for his exceptional performances and valuable contributions to his team.

Trum Haskell '99 contributed Andover's first points, placing second in the Javelin throwing 170'08.00." Throughout the season Haskell has been one of the league's dominant throwers, consistently placing. After Haskell set the victorious precedent, the boys raised the bar of their performances in the jumping events.

Captain Saunders, bounded his way to victory in the long jump with a leap of 21'09.75." Close behind was Connell Cloyd '99, who jumped 21'05.00" and placed third.

Cloyd not only placed in the long jump, but in the high jump as well, where he soared 6' into the air for a second place finish, right behind a record breaking jumper.

Despite these strong performances, Cloyd's crowning achievement of the day came in the triple jump, where he jumped 46'01.00," just a foot shy of the NEPSTA record to secure a first place victory. Saunders also contributed solidly with a fifth place finish.

These, however, were not the only Andover athletes who jumped their way to victory. John Busby '00 had a fine showing in the 110m hurdles, adding six points to the team's score with a solid run of 16.09 seconds to finish third. Busby's presence as a hurdler has been strongly felt on the team as he has produced winning times all season long, due to his athleticism and consistency.

Senior Colin Dinneen '99 finished off his Andover career, doubling in the 400m and 800m. Dinnen has shown his versatility this year running at blistering speeds in a variety of distances. Saturday was no exception, Dinneen placed third in the 400m with a time of 51.63 seconds. He also blew away the competition in the 800m placing first in a time of 2:00.3.

Weston Furhman '01 had a solid performance placing seventh in the 1500m, and crossed the finish line in a swift time of 4:18.20. Furhman endured a grueling double, also running the 3000m. He placed 7th in the race in a time of 9:36.52. Ben Phillips '01 finished close behind, in 9:50.40. These two young runners have a lot of potential, as exhibited by their performances, and will no doubt add depth to next year's team.

The 4x100 relay team reinforced the team's dominance, as they crossed the finish line victorious, clocking in at 44.05 seconds. The team composed of Saunders, Justin Blanch '00, Scott, and Brown demolished the competition, beating Exeter by two full seconds.

The 4x400 team ran a close race, vying for second-place against Taft. The team edged out Taft, closing the meet in style, adding to its lead. The team once again established itself as a New England powerhouse, and as always looks to continue this trend of success in years to come despite the loss of many talented seniors.

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NE CHAMPIONS!

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On May 15, the Boys Varsity Track Team won the New England Prep Schools Track Association championship. As the returning champions, the boys scored a phenomenal 102 points, beating their nearest competitor, Northfield-Mount Hermon, by 41. This title represented the team's tenth championship in twenty years, and was the eleventh consecutive time in which Phillips Academy has placed in the top two at Interschols. The following weekend, the boys, though slightly unfocused from the thrill of repeating the week before, managed a respectable victory against Exeter, capping off an undefeated 6-0 season.

Deerfield and Taft

The season began strong with a triple meet victory over both Deerfield and Taft. Despite the large field, PA athletes were dominant, placing first in eleven out of the seventeen events.

Establishing a pattern which would carry the team straight to the championship, the jumping squad manhandled the competition. It swept the long jump, taking the first four places (the unusual rules of a triple meet allot points for the first four places) with four jumps over twenty feet. Connell Cloyd '99 (who also took the high jump at 6'0") won, jumping 21'4". Following him were captain Bryan Saunders '99, who cleared 21', and J.B. Jones '00 and Kyle Preman '00, both of whom jumped over 20'. It was the first time in the memory of head coach John Strudwick that any NEPSTA team had fielded four jumpers over 20', and it heralded a general dominance in the jumping events which would become one of the cornerstones of PA's repeat championship.

The rest of the boys team had an excellent first outing as well. Shot-putter Jonathan Ross-Harrington '00 and Javeliner Trum Haskell '99 both took first, while Lewis Brown '99 blew away the competition with a blistering 10.9 100M. The boys went 1-2-3 in the 3000M, with Ben Phillips '01 leading in Eli Lazarus '00 and Adam Shoene '00. One of the day's few disappointments was the loss of the 4x400M relay team, which had gone undefeated the previous year. That day was the last defeat the 4x4 team would see until Interschols.

The final score was Phillips Academy 101.5, Taft 40, Deerfield 38.5.

NMH

The next week, the boys traveled to NMH, where they faced far stiffer competition from the adverse weather conditions than from the NMH track and field team, which was a shadow of PA's once great rival.

Andover took first place in thirteen of the seventeen events. The most impressive achievement of the day was Brown's 100M dash. Running with fierce winds at his back, Brown ran an amazing 10.5, making his race the fastest 100M ever run by a Phillips Academy athlete. When the time was run through the conversion algorithm, it was found to be just behind the school record for the dash, which is held by Harvey Kelsey, who ran a 9.5 seconds time in the 100 yards in 1940.

Many others excelled on Northfield's cinder track that day. Cloyd won the high, long, and triple jumps, going 6'1", 20'8", and 41'5". Haskell achieved a personal best in the javelin, throwing 158'8" for a win. Erik Jungbacker '99 also broke a personal record and won, pole vaulting 10'6".

Other victors were John Busby '00 in the high hurdles, Sean Scott '00 in the 400m, Colin Dinneen '99 in the 800m, Weston Fuhrman '01 in the 1500m, and Lazarus in the 3000m.

The final score was Phillips Academy 94, NMH 51.

Andover High School

The season continued with a convincing victory over the boys' local rival, Andover High School. The consistently excellent performance of the jumping squad was again instrumental to Andover's success. The ever-improving Cloyd won the high jump at 5'2" and the long jump in 22'1.5". Saunders again surpassed 21' in the long jump, and won the triple jump with a 42' performance.

Haskell, Ross-Harrington, and David Macmillan '99 took strong firsts in the javelin, shot put, and discus, respectively. Also victorious were Dinneen in the 400M, Fuhrman in the mile, and Brown in the sprints.

The final score was Phillips Academy 93, Andover High School 52.

Loomis-Chaffee

Things immediately looked grim at the start of what was to prove the most difficult meet of the season. Confusion in the hand-off between Scott and Saunders led to a dropped baton in the 4x100M relay, and although the boys JV relay team (which was running exhibition in the same heat) nearly defeated the Loomis-Chaffee squad, the damage to the confidence of the boys team was done. Victory would not come as easily as in past weeks.

Prospects for victory were increased by the tremendous success of the jumping program, which scored 23 out of a total of 27 possible points, smashing its Loomis-Chaffee opponents. Brown won both the 100M and the 200M, with times of 11.0 and 22.9 seconds, respectively.

Also leading PA to victory were hurdlers Busby and Kam Lasater '99, Haskell on the javelin, 400M runner Justin Blanch '00, and Dinneen, who ran a season-best 2.00.5, in the 800M.

Victory over Loomis, a team many thought would be in serious contention for the championships, reassured many that the still-undefeated Phillips team had a very realistic chance of a repeat.

The final score was Phillips Academy 78, Loomis-Chaffee 67.

NEPSTA Championships

The boys began their drive for the NEPSTA championship in a strong fashion, taking many points early in the field events. Saunders, who had taken second last year behind PA's Nnamdi Okike '98, placed first in the long jump with a jump of 21'9.75".

Saunders was followed by Cloyd, who took third, jumping just over 21'; he also placed second in the high jump, topping 6'. Haskell placed second in a competitive javelin throw, reaching 170'4".

Jungbacker placed fifth in the pole vault. It was Cloyd again who made the most impressive accomplishment of the early events, bettering his personal best in the triple jump by almost four feet to finish at 46'1", more than enough to win him first place.

The track events also began well, with a successful defense of the Interschols 4x100M relay record. Brown, the anchor leg of the champion 4x100, went on to win both the 100M (in 11.16) and the 200M (in 22.69). Dinneen took first in the 800M, running 2.00.37, and placed third in the 400M.

A last-second accident robbed Busby of victory in the 300M hurdles. Leading at the final hurdle, he tripped as he was challenged by the eventual winner Charles Crimmins of the Taft School, who also tripped but managed to cross the finish line. Busby also placed third in the 110M high hurdles.

Although the championship had been more than won by the time of the final race, the boys 4x400M relay, consisting of Scott, Blanch, Brown, and Dinneen, still managed second against a very strong Choate-Rosemary Hall team.Having won two first places individually and been part of relay teams which placed first and second, Lewis Brown was named meet MVP.

The final scores were Phillips Academy 106, Northfield Mt. Hermon 61, Choate 60, Loomis Chaffee 55, St. Pauls 50, Deerfield 49, Taft 43, Avon Old Farms 29, Phillips Exeter Academy 20, Milton 20, BB&N 16, Hotchkiss 13, Bridgton Academy 4.

Exeter

For the tenth time in eleven years, the boys defeated their traditional rivals. Although after the thrill of a dominating victory at Interschols the team had difficulty getting psyched-up to take on Exeter, which had scored only 20 points the previous week (several Andover competitors had individually outscored the Exeter squad that day).

One of the meet's most prominent stars was Busby, who won both the 110M and the 300M hurdles and anchored the victorious 4x400M relay. Other winners that day included Haskell for the javelin, Jungbacker for the pole vault, Dinneen for the 400M, and Fuhrman for the 3000M. Able performances by the perennially strong jumpers and by the sprinters, led by Brown, secured the victory.

The final score was Phillips Academy 87, Phillips Exeter Academy 58.

At the team dinner on May 24, the boys' track and field team elected Sean Scott '00 to be their captain for next year. Scott, who runs the 4x100M relay, the 200M, the 400M, and the 4x400M relay, will be following Bryan Saunders '99, whose enthusiasm and leadership, however, are impossible to replace. Scott, a new upper, is also the captain of indoor track.

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Lewis Brown '99

by Alan Ginsberg
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Senior Lewis Brown's status as a varsity athlete in football and both indoor and outdoor track automatically qualifies him for consideration for any athletic honor. However, his achievements throughout the year, including the school record in the fifty yard dash, the most valuable performer award for indoor track, two individual interscholastic championships, and the most valuable performer award for both the spring track season and Interschols, are the reasons Lewis has been named an Athlete of the Year for the 1998-1999 school year.

Lewis, a lifelong native of Memphis, Tennessee, grew up in a large family, with five brothers and four sisters, each between thirteen and twenty-two years older than him. Two of his brothers played high school football, with one continuing to play in college at Mississippi State University. Thus, when Lewis enrolled in Memphis' East High School as a freshman, it was natural for him to consider playing football. His favorite player had always been wide receiver Jerry Rice of Lewis' favorite team, the San Francisco 49ers. Thus, Lewis tried out for and made the varsity squad at East High as a wide receiver. Lewis describes his freshman season as unspectacular, with the team finishing with a record slightly above .500.

In the winter of Lewis' freshman year, his girlfriend, a member of the track team, tried to persuade Lewis to join the squad. Lewis, recalling his elementary school days, when he had frequently won impromptu races with his classmates and friends, agreed. Unfortunately, at East High, Lewis needed to be in the top three runners in order to run in meets. However, Lewis, only a freshman, was the fifth-ranked runner in the school, and thus could not compete. Disgusted, Lewis quit the team before running in a single meet.

During his freshman year in high school, a recruiter from Phillips Academy came to his school. Lewis was unimpressed, but his friends and girlfriend were very excited about the prospect of coming to the school and when they applied, he chose to do so as well. With his application only half-completed, Lewis stopped, frustrated with the amount of paperwork. However, his girlfriend "made [him] get everything together," and Lewis turned in his application, albeit late. When, in mid-March, the school sent out its decision letters, Lewis, who was staying at his sisters' house at the time, called all his friends. They had all been rejected, while his girlfriend had been put on the waitlist. Lewis, rushing home, saw a large envelope in his mailbox and became excited, only to remember his friends. Because it would mean leaving his friends and his mom, to whom Lewis is very close, Lewis did not want to come to Andover.

However, his guidance counselor at school sent word of his acceptance to local news stations and newspapers, which broadcast the information, causing Lewis' friends to resent him. In addition, Lewis' teachers told his mother that attending Andover would be a great opportunity and so she convinced him to matriculate.

Entering Andover as a lower, Lewis joined the junior varsity football team. However, two games into the season, Lewis was called up to the varsity squad because of what Kyle O'Brien '98 described as consistent hustle. In Lewis' first varsity game, against Choate, he took a kickoff return and ran up the middle. Suddenly, he was hit and thrown backwards, causing him to fumble the ball. However, he went back in the game and played solidly. The next game, as a wide receiver, Lewis experienced what he calls "one of the greatest times of [his] life." Running a fly pattern down the field, Lewis turned back to see the ball in the air. Both Lewis and the person covering him jumped and got their hands on the ball, but Lewis came down with it for an "amazing catch". Unfortunately, in his remaining two seasons on the varsity team, Lewis could never again match on the football field the excitement that came with that catch.

As a track athlete, however, it has been a different story. At the beginning of his lower winter, Lewis traveled to Hanover, New Hampshire, to compete against runners from New England, New York, and Canada in the Dartmouth Invitational. There, he made it to the semifinals of the 55-meter dash with a time of 6.89 seconds. Later in the season, he competed in the Maine USATF Indoor Championships at Bowdoin College, taking second in the 55-meter dash. At the end of the season, Lewis, Steve Dise '97, and Andy Moon '97 went to the Reggie Lewis Center as Andover's "long jump relay team". In his first time long jumping ever, Lewis leapt 18' 8.25", helping the team to a goal medal.

In his lower spring, Lewis focused on the 100-meter dash. At the beginning of the year, his times were consistently around 11.7 seconds, but, at Interschols, Lewis ran the race in 11.2 seconds, finishing sixth. In addition, he anchored Andover's 4x100-relay team to an Interscholastic championship.

As an upper, Lewis hoped to improve upon his achievements of lower year. Unfortunately, he suffered a hamstring injury early in the indoor season that hampered him for the rest of the year. Nonetheless, he still enjoyed great success, going undefeated during the indoor season, finishing fifth in the 55-meter dash at the Dartmouth Invitational with a time of 6.74 seconds, and winning a gold medal in the 55-meter dash at the Wheaton Invitational with a time of 6.77 seconds. Despite his injury, Lewis still performed well enough to be voted captain of the indoor track team for his senior year.

In the outdoor season, Lewis, still bothered by his hamstring injury, only ran in three meets. However, he was well enough that, at Interschols, he placed fifth in the 100 meter dash and anchored the 4x100 relay team (comprised of Lewis, Justin Voccola Æ99, Beau Williams '98, and Bryan Saunders '99) to an Interscholastic championship.

As a senior, Lewis was determined to forget about what he calls a "disappointing" upper year and fulfill his potential as a sprinter. Throughout the winter, Lewis went undefeated in the 50-yard dash, breaking the school record with a time of 5.3 seconds against Exeter. In the 300-yard run, Lewis lost only once, but his time in that race (34.4 seconds) was still the second fastest time in the state this year. At the Wheaton Invitational, Lewis won both the 55-meter dash and the 200-meter run. Due to his achievements throughout the year, Lewis was voted the team's most valuable performer at the post-season awards banquet.

During the spring, Lewis was undefeated in both the 100- and 200-meter races. At Interschols, he won both races, anchored the 4x100 relay team (with Saunders, Sean Scott '00, and Voccola) to an Interscholastic championship, and ran the third leg for the silver medal-winning 4x400 relay team, on which Scott, Justin Blanch '00, and Colin Dinneen '99 also ran. Because of his performance at Interschols, Lewis was named the meet's most valuable performer, an award that complimented his most valuable performer of the season award nicely. As track teammate Alex Kehlenbeck '01 comments, "He's been a leader for us throughout his career. Both his performances and his spirit have been unmatched."

Outside of athletics, Lewis is the vice-president of SARC (Students for an Anti-Racist Community) and a member of AfLatAm. In addition, he is an avid actor, having performed in numerous plays, including "Club 12", "Palo Alto", and "We Bombed in New Haven". For his performance in "Palo Alto", Lewis garnered a nomination for the Steve award for best new actor of the year. Despite his 5.0 GPA and numerous other talents, Lewis remains modest, always remembering to thank those who have helped him. "First and foremost," he says, "I thank God for the abilities he's given me, allowing me not only to be successful in athletics, but also in academics and in life." Lewis also thanks his mother for her "undying encouragement and support."

Next year, Lewis will attend Emory University, where he will be a pre-med major, minoring in theater, which Lewis calls "a passion of [his]." At Emory, he will also run track, because, as Lewis says, "It's my love. It's my passion. It's my heart." Based on his performances here at Andover, Lewis will most likely do very well in whatever he does.

BOYS' TRACK

SEASON BEST PERFORMANCES

Event	Name	Result
Shot Put	Jon Ross-Harrington '00	42' 11"
Javelin	Trum Haskell '99	170' 4"
Discus	Dave MacMillan '99	116' 1"
Long Jump	Connell Cloyd '99	22' 1.5"
High Jump	Cloyd	6' 2"
Triple Jump	Cloyd	46' 1"
Pole Vault	Erik Jungbacker '99	10' 6"
100m	Lewis Brown '99	10.5 sec*
110m Hurdles	Kam Lasater '99	15.6 sec
200m	Brown	22.69 sec
300m Hurdles	John Busby '00	41.9 sec
400m	Colin Dineen '99	52.4 sec
800m	Dineen	2:00:5 min
1500m	Weston Fuhrman '01	4:16:9 min
Mile	Fuhrman	4:46:5 min
3000m	Fuhrman	9:25:6 min
4x100m Relay	Kehlenbeck '01, Saunders '99, Sykes '01, Thompson '01	45.7 sec
4x400 Relay	Brown, Dineen, Kehlenbeck, Scott '00	3:37:8

**new school record*

SPORT: Track - Girls

YEAR: 1998 - 1999

CAPTAIN: Aimionoizomo Akade
HOME ADDRESS:

MANAGER:
HOME ADDRESS:

COACH: John Strudwick
ASSISTANT COACHES:

SEASON RECORD

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Track & Field -GV
AKADE, AIMIONOIZOMO O.
BURT, LINDSAY C.
DONAIS, MELISSA A.
EAKIN, TENLEY E.
GREENE, LUCY K.
HARTSOCK, SYDNEY H.
JAY, HILARY D.
KRAUSE, CAITLIN O.
MARSHALL, ELEANOR L.
McJUNKIN, JENNIFER C.
O'DONOGHUE, BEIBHINN M.
O'HERN, JULIA E.
ROCKETT, SHEVON D.

GIRL'S TRACK

			PA	OPP
Sat., April 10, 1999	(H)	Deerfield/Taft	95	45 Taft
				38 Deer.
Sat., April 24, 1999	(A)	N.M.H./Milton	73	77 NMH
				31 Milt.
Sat., May 1, 1999	(A)	Andover High School	48.5	89.5
Sat., May 8, 1999	(H)	Loomis-Chaffee	83.5	61.5
Sat., May 15, 1999	(H)	Interschols	2nd place	
Sat., May 22, 1999	(A)	Exeter	58	87

Akade '00 Ties 100m Record in Track Season Opener

by Sydney Harstock
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover	10
Deerfield	3

Andover	10
Taft	3

This past Saturday the girls track team had its first meet of the year against Deerfield and Taft. They went in not knowing exactly what to expect and walked away with a point total large enough to beat the Deerfield and Taft teams combined. Everyone had something to offer, and the team has the potential to be especially strong this year. Momo Akade '00 (team captain) held the highlight of the meet when she ran the hundred meter dash in an astonishing 12.3 seconds to tie Tanya Thomas's old school record. That time also takes .51 seconds off her Interschols time from last year, and that's an incredible way to enter a new season. Needless to say, she won. Later she followed up her first blue ribbon performance with a win in the 200m (time: 27 seconds flat).

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Shevon Rockett '99 is one of a core group of sprinters expected to lead the strong track team this season.

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"Momo led the team by example with a great all around performance," remarks coach Strudwick. For her to be performing so well this early in the season provides wonderful support for the team. Momo is a genuine track star.

Jenny McJunkin '00 was also essential to P.A.'s victory with her unchallenged domination the jumps. McJunkin won first place in the long jump, the high jump, and the triple jump. Lindsay Burt '99 took first in the 400m with Tenley Eakin '02 coming up with a close second. Burt and Eakin along with Shevon Rockett '99 and Momo ran the 4x100m relay, also taking first place. Rockett and Lucy Greene '00 took charge of the hurdles, and the long distance races were taken care of with first place rankings by Caitlin Krause, Hilary Jay, and Melissa Donais. Julia O'Hern swept discus and the shot put as she continues to be an important asset for the throwing team.

There are two many names to mention. Everyone contributed to the team's success. Girls Track has a lot of youth on its side (including its captain who will be returning next year) which could promote not only a successful season this spring, but for others to come. The team has been able to get on its feet very quickly and everyone is continuously showing solid work ethics to prepare for NMH, who they play at Northfield on April 24, and the rest of the season.

GIRLS' TRACK DEFEATED BY ANDOVER HIGH

by Sydney Hartsock
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AHS	**89.5**
Andover	**55.5**

Last Saturday, the Phillips Academy's girls track team took on its local rival, Andover High. While Phillips had many fantastic individual efforts, the depth of the Andover High team prevailed. Andover High won 89.5 to 55.5.

Julia O'Hern '01 had an amazing day in the weights. She demolished the school record in the Shot Put with a throw of 37ft. 6in, and broke the lower record for the Discus with a sailing 127ft 5in She threw a combined distance greater than any other female P.A. weight athlete has ever thrown in one day. Momo Akade '00 had another astonishing performance winning both the 100m and 200m races. In the distance races, Catlin Krause '01 finished the mile in 5 min 29.2 sec for first place with Beibhinn O'Donoghue '99 taking third. Tenley Eakin '02 and Melissa Donais '02 placed first and second dominated the 400m sprint, placing first and second, respectively. Hilary Jay '02 won the two-mile with support from Kate Mason '00 who finished close behind in third. Reed Curry '01 won the 800m race in 2 min 33.3 sec. Lastly, P.A.'s 4 by 400m relay (O'Donoghue, Eakin, Donais, and Krause) ran a 4 min 21.2sec to clinch first place.

With a throw of 80ft 4in, Sydney Hartsock '01 took first in the javelin. Jenny McJunkin '00 received third place in the triple jump and cleared 4ft 10in to tie for third in the high jump. Desiree Simmons '01 jumped 13ft 11in to place third in the long jump.

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GIRLS' TRACK PUMMELS N.E. FOE LOOMIS

by Sydney Hartsock
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover	**83.5**
Loomis	**61.5**

Loomis-Chaffee did not provide quite the challenge that the Andover girls' track team was expecting, finishing with only 61.5 points against Phillips' 83.5. Even with the team's captain, Momo Akade '00, on the injured list and unable to compete, the team pulled together to gain an important victory. With interschols coming up this weekend, the emphasis has become skills work instead of hard training, and rest outside of practice. There are many Phillips athletes who have been well seeded in the championship meet, and excitement is building around their events.

Julia O'Hern '01 started the meet off with a bang, bringing in a first place with the shot (34 feet, 9 inches) and a new school record with the discus (128 feet, 1inches). Sydney Hartsock '01 placed third in the javelin to finish the throws. Andover swept the long jump. Jenny McJunkin '00 took first place with her last jump (15 feet 11.75 inches). She was followed in second by Hartsock (15 feet, 1inches), and in third by Desirae Simmons '01 (14 feet 9.5 inches). In the triple jump, McJunkin earned another first (33 feet 6.5 inches) and Hartsock took third place (30 feet, 1inch). McJunkin placed second in the high jump (4 feet, 10 inches), placing only after New England's reigning champion. Tenley Eakin '02 also placed in the jumps when she tied for third (4 feet, 4 inches) in the high jump.

Shevon Rockett '99 had an amazing day in the sprints, finishing with a blue ribbon in both the 100 meters (13.9 seconds) and the 100 meter hurdles (17.9 seconds). Lucy Greene '00 and Cynthia Isoh '00 helped her sweep the 100 meter hurdles by taking the second and third spots. Eakin doubled in the 100 meter sprint for second place. Rockett joined McJunkin, Cassie James '00, and Eakin to rake in another win in the 4 by 400 meter relay (52.6 seconds). For the 1500 meter, Caitlin Krause '01 cruised into first (5:02.72 seconds) with Hilary Jay '02 and Christina Kelleher '02 finishing just behind her. Lindsay Burt '99 (61.2 seconds) and Esther Rabess '02 (68.8 seconds) received the second and third places in the 400 meters. Greene, taking a dominant position in both hurdle races, also came in second in the 300 meter hurdles (52.9 seconds). Eakin ran for second place in the 200 meter sprint (28.1 seconds) and Ellie Marshall '02 made an appearance to take third, only 1.2 seconds behind Eakin. Krause and Reed Curry '01 crossed the finish line in second (2:25.2 seconds) and third (2.30.0 seconds). Lastly, in the longest of the races - the 3000 meter - Beibhinn O'Donoghue '99 and Kate Mason '00 took the top two spots.

With interschols so close, the team has a championship in sight. The team has not been out of the top three places in interschols for many years, and it is determined to keep this tradition going. It has some spots to defend in this years interschols, including its championship-winning 4 by 400 meter relay team. Momo, the captain, is expected to be back in full force, and is preparing to defend herself as the reigning champion in the 100 meter dash. With her leadership and a dedicated, hard-working team, it should be a great meet. Come out and cheer.

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Tenley Eakin '02 hands the baton off to Momo Akade '00 in a relay vs. Loomis last Saturday.

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Girls' Track Edged Out By Exeter In Close Interschols Competition

by Sydney Hartsock
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Interscholastic weekend brought with it some great feats and accomplishments for the Andover Girls' Track team. Though Exeter won the meet with 102 points, the Blue took second with 83, and was followed by Northfield Mt. Hermon with 80, Loomis Chaffee with 72, Choate with 56, Taft with 35, St. Paul's with 28, Deerfield with 25, and Milton with 23. Momo Akade '00, Jenny McJunkin '00, and Julia O'Hern '01 paced the Blue with strong performances in the sprinting, jumping, and throwing events, respectively.

Akade, coming off an injury, was still able to grab second place honors in both the 100m (12.83s) and 200m (26.03s) sprints. Throughout the season, Akade has been a strong leader with her instruction and her example. She has incredible dedication and intensity, and her strength showed through despite the immense pressure of Interschols.

McJunkin was Andover's all around jumping pro. She jumped a personal best and a new upper record in the triple jump for third place (34'08.50"). She also took fifth in the high jump (4'10.00") and fourth in the long jump (16'04.00").

O'Hern dominated the weights again; she raked in second in the discus (121'08.00"), and is now New England Champion in the shot-put (35'00.00"). Lindsay Burt '99 fought for and earned third place in the 400m race (59.74s). She was followed by Tenley Eakin '02, who came in sixth (1:01.4s). Caitlin Krause '01 placed fifth in the 800m race (2:24.12s), with Melissa Donais '02 finishing close behind her with a time beating her own 9th grade record (2: 27.87s). Hilary Jay '02 beat another 9th grade record for the 3000m (11:18.98s).

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Hilary Jay '02 placed well in the 3000m run.

The relays were the highlight of the meet. The 4 x100m relay (Shevon Rockett '99, Eakin, Burt, and Akade) glided into victory and broke the NEPSTA record (a time of 50.14 seconds previously held by Andover's 1994 girls relay team) with a time of 49.74.

As Interschols neared its end, NMH was one point ahead of Andover. Coach Strudwick told the girls in the 4 x 400m relay (Krause, Eakin, Donais, and Burt) that they needed to beat NMH. Instead, they decided to beat everyone, and break another record while they were at it, beating Loomis-Chaffee's old record (4:07.68s) with a time of 4:06.14s.

Coach Strudwick commented that the power of both the boys and the girls teams came from their hard training and attention to detail. All of the girls on the relay teams are fast, but there were incredibly talented girls on the other teams as well. The secret to Andover's success was its precision in passing. This carried through with all of the events. Learning to get good starts out of the blocks and learning to drive more at a certain point in a jump can make the difference between first and last place. Andover's work ethic has been strong all season and with only one more meet left, the team is still working hard to prepare. The next meet is tomorrow at Exeter, the defending New England Champions. Andover has the drive and is looking to unseat them.

Shevon Rockett '99 consistently performed well in the 110 meter hurdles.

Girls' Track Fares Well, Finishes Close Second

by Sydney Hartsock
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

In a record-breaking season filled with many ups and downs, an extremely talented girls' track team worked its way to a 5-3 record. Despite falling 58-87 to a very tough Exeter squad in the final meet of the year, the team managed to take second in Interschols and to dominate a number of worthy New England opponents during its 1999 campaign.

The season began on a veritable high note when, in a tri-meet with Deerfield and Taft, captain Momo Akade '00 tied the school record in the 100m sprint with a time of 12.3 seconds. Although Akade was wind-aided, thus preserving Tanya Thomas '96's official time in the record books, her performance gave signs of what was to come. In addition to her strong showing in the 100, Akade took first in the 200m sprint with a time of 27.0 seconds. Jumper Jenny McJunkin '00 also had a fine day, placing first in the long jump (15' 5"), the high jump (4'10"), and the triple jump (30' 10.75"). Other winners included thrower Julia O'Hern '01 in both the shot put and the discus, Shevon Rockett '99 in the high hurdles, Lucy Greene '00 in the 300m hurdles, Lindsay Burt '99 in the 400m, Melissa Donais in the 800m, and Caitlin Krause '01 in the 1500m.

All of the aformentioned competitors would continue to lead the team all season, though the meet of the following week proved a lowpoint. Despite handily defeating Milton Academy, the girls also fell hard to NMH. Once again O'Hern won both throwing events, McJunkin took the high and triple jumps, Krause the 800m and the 1500m, Burt in the 400m, and Sydney Hartsock in the javelin. Akade was once again the star of the day as she tied the school record in the 100m for the second week in a row — this time without the wind at her back — and ran the fastest 200m time ever (25.6 seconds) run hy a PA female on the NMH track.

The meets of the next two weeks — versus Andover High and Loomis-Chaffee — were crucial to the team as it prepared to compete in Interschols. Both meets were marked hy O'Hern's record-breaking performances in the discus and the shotput with distances of 128'1" and 37'6", respectively. McJunkin, Rockett, and Krause continued their winning ways, and distance runner Beibhin O'Donoghue '99 dominated in the 3000m. Freshmen Tenley Eakin (400 m) and Hilary Jay (2 mile) also emerged as key runners.

On May 15 the Blne hosted the N.E.P.S.T.A. Interschols with high hopes of winning the championship. Although the girls would eventually place a close second behind a tremendous Exeter team, their valiant efforts helped avenge an earlier loss to NMH and produced a number of individual New England Champions in the meantime. O'Hern stayed undefeated in the discus and both the 4x100 (comprised of Rockett, Burt, Eakin, and Akade) and 4x400 (Eakin, Krause, Donais, and Burt) relay teams also took first place. Perhaps even more excitingly, both relays set new school and N.E.P.S.T.A. records with times of 49.74 and 4:06.14, respectively. McJunkin, Krause, Donais, and Jay all had strong days, setting new records for their respective classes in their particular events.

In the final event of the season, the team traveled up to Exeter in an attempt to dethrone the recently-crowned New England Champ. Though the day ended with Andover at the losing end of a 58-87 score, the squad did not go down without a fight. Akade, Burt, and O'Hern each exceeded her usual brilliance, while both relay teams also took first places. McJunkin and Hartsock earned valuable points for the Blue in the triple jump, long jump and javelin. Burt and Rockett, in short, ended their careers with huge wins, while plenty of the Blue's other winners were underclassmen who will return next year to defend their titles.

Andover's girls' track team consists mainly of underclassmen and is losing a surprisingly small amount of seniors to graduation. Among these girls, however, are Burt, this year's MVP and primary 400m runner, Shaina Jones, O'Donoghue, and Rockett; two of these runners competed on the record-winning 4x100 relay team. Nonetheless, the team will be lucky to see Akade reprise her role as captain for another season next year. Her leadership and work ethic were essential in leading Andover to so many victories and, with such promising youth, next year's team could accomplish quite a hit. Going on this year's many stellar performances, people have already begun to look forward to next year.

SPORT: Volleyball - Boys

YEAR: 1998-99 - First official year

CAPTAIN:
HOME ADDRESS:

MANAGER:
HOME ADDRESS:

COACH: Clyfe Beckwith
ASSISTANT COACHES:

SEASON RECORD

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4th at Tournament

Volleyball-Boys
ARARIPE, TASSO B.M.
BALDWIN, DREW P.
CHATTERJEE, ALOK
CHO, ERIC J.
JUNG, SUNG C.
LUE, ALAN
PENLEY, COLIN M.
ROTMAN, MATTHEW F.
SAVUL, KARIM A.
SO, ALBERT Y.
STICKLOR, RUSSELL A.
TABSH, KAREEM K.

BOYS VOLLEYBALL

		PA	OPP
Sat., April 3	Central Catholic (scrim.)	1	4
Sat., April 10	Choate	1	3
Wed., April 21	St. John's JV	4	1
Sat., April 24	N.M.H.	0	3
Sat., May 1	Andover JV (scrimm)		
Sat., May 8	Choate	0	3
Wed., May 12	Chelmsford	2	3
Sat., May 15	N.M.H.	1	3
Sat., May 22	Choate Tournament	4th place	

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